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# CHINESE ATTACK JAPANESE REAR

## *Nippon 'Blitzed' In South Seas*

### ALLIED OCCUPATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR

### Swift Dutch-Australian Action Foils Japanese Plans

LONDON, December 18.

**The Netherlands Government announces that a force of Allied troops has landed in Portuguese Timor.**

**It is added that the Allied force which has entered Portuguese Timor will naturally be withdrawn as soon as conditions allow or the emergency ends.**

**It is understood that no resistance was encountered when the Allied force entered Portuguese Timor. Deli has a good harbour and airport.**

*PURELY A MATTER OF DEFENCE*

*Portuguese Sovereignty Not Affected*

The following 'communique' is published by the Information Bureau of the Government of the Netherlands East Indies:—

"In view of Japanese submarine activities off Portuguese Timor it became an unavoidable necessity to take steps to safeguard this territory against Japanese aggression and to forestall its being used as a base from which attacks could be made on Allied territory and communications.

Accordingly a force of Allied troops has been landed in Portuguese Timor. The Portuguese Government having reaffirmed their desire to preserve neutrality, the local authorities in Portuguese Timor have objected to the action being taken.

The Portuguese sovereignty remains intact and it has been made clear to the Portuguese Government that the troops will be withdrawn as soon as the threat from the enemy is removed since their presence is purely a measure of defence on the part of the Allied nations at war with Japan."

**Its Strategic Importance**

It is recalled in London that before the Japanese entered the war considerable suspicion was aroused by the uncommercial activities which the Japanese began to display in Portuguese Timor. The Japanese then established an airline there and sent a considerable number of representatives to reinforce the local consulate.

Portuguese Timor is strategically very important. The island is half Dutch and half Portuguese and is situated within the air range of Port Darwin, 450 miles distant. Since the war started increased anxiety was felt in view of the 'Blitz' surprise tactics which the Japanese were practising and this anxiety was increased by reports of Japanese naval and air activities in the neighbouring waters.

In the last few days submarines were spotted off the coast of Dutch Timor and in view of the urgency of the danger, local Dutch and Australian authorities decided to enter Portuguese Timor in order to put into operation necessary precautions for the protection of their interests.

**Blow To Japanese Plans**

The occupation of Timor knocks one of the potential stepping stones among the South Sea Islands from under Japan's feet, writes "Annalist."

The Portuguese aerodrome of Timor is only 450 miles from Port Darwin in North Australia. Japan extracted an agreement from Portugal last October to establish an airline between her own island of Pellew and Timor, which aroused deep concern in Australia and Great Britain. But Japan clearly had other plans than commercial ones in mind.

In North Borneo she has obtained an airfield at Miri, which may have been wrecked, but can be repaired. From Miri she, no doubt, plans to take Banjermasin, 500 miles away in South Borneo. From there it is 300 miles to the great Dutch air bases at Sourabaya in Sumatra, a well-known station on the flight from Europe to Australia.

Obviously the Japanese aim is to establish a series of stepping stones all over the South Sea Islands of which the Timor concession marked the first stage. Now Japan has lost it.

**Lisbon Awaits Details**

Earlier it was reported from Lisbon that the Cabinet had a long meeting to discuss the "serious events" in the Portuguese half of the Island. An official announcement following the meeting at which President Carmona presided, says that the Government were awaiting details before making a fuller announcement and adopting a definite attitude.

CABINET MEETS

The Portuguese Cabinet met today and "discussed the grave events which are reported to have taken place in the Colony of Timor", according to a Lisbon dispatch to the Vichy News Agency.

The Cabinet is awaiting clarification so that it may inform the public and decide its attitude.

The following official statement has been issued: "Government discussed on Wednesday important happenings in the Portuguese colony of Timor. They are awaiting further reports in order to inform the Portuguese people of the real truth of the events and what action Government are taking."

## Aney Urges Need For Definite Decision On War Issue

### Appeals To Political Parties Not To Lose Time: Tells How India Can Qualify For Self-Governing Status

**An appeal to the various political parties in the country, particularly the Congress which had been in power in seven provinces, to consider the present political situation in all its aspects and come to an understanding and define their attitude towards the present war, was made by the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, in a speech at a reception given in his honour at the C. J. Hall, Bombay, on Thursday. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad presided.**

NEED FOR QUICK DECISION.

Mr. Aney referred to the release of Congress leaders and said' "I wish them not to lose time any more. The entry of Japan into the war and the invasion of Federated Malaya and South Malaya by Japan are events that ought to serve as an eye-opener to every one." Mr. Aney continued: "Therefore the attitude towards the present war must be as quickly defined as possible by the leaders of the people of India. It really admits of no delay."

NO ALTERNATIVE.

Mr. Aney drew particular attention to Mr. Rajagopalachariar's recent Lucknow Convocation address in which Mr. Rajagopalachari had "emphatically and very rightly asserted 'that our national struggle had come up to the very point of solution and it only awaits one or two wise steps to reach complete success'". Mr. Aney also referred to Mr. Rajagopalacharlar's remark: "Surely we cannot hope for emancipation at the hands of Britain's enemies."

Continuing Mr. Aney said: "A frank and clear recognition of this position will help them in coming to a correct conclusion that in this war India cannot help throwing her knot with the Allies for the success of Democracy. At the end of the war India's voice will largely depend upon the voluntary assistance the people of India had rendered to the emancipation of the world from Fascist Domination. In the determination of the post-war status of India, Russia, China and America will not have an insignificant voice. The only way in which the Indian people can rise in the estimation of these nations is by fighting the Nazis shoulder to shoulder with them to save civilised humanity from falling a victim to the forces of the Axis."

WAY FOR UNITY.

Proceeding Mr. Aney said: "The most effective method to bring about Hindu-Muslim unity is to talk least of it and to create opportunities for common work by the leaders of both the parties. Minorities have rights which it is the duty of the majority to guarantee and safe-guard. But the minorities can in no country be allowed to hold up the progress of a nation by their insistence on demands of impractical, unjust and anti-national character. Hence representative men not wedded to such impossible demands are the only proper persons to handle the delicate question of adjustment of communal differences. Firm adherence to the principle of nationalism is the one condition on which the solution of such questions must be based. Departure from this principle will endanger the progressive march of the nation to its goal just as a train may have an accident if it has no brakes. The Expanded Council of the Viceroy and the National Council of Defence have great significance from this point of view. If it can be shown that the Centre and the Provinces can be efficiently administered by Coalition Cabinets at the Centre and in the Provinces, during the period of a world war, all arguments against granting self-governing status to India on the ground of Hindu-Muslim differences and minority interests will gradually pale into insignificance and ultimately vanish.

Mr. Aney said that the National Defence Council was a miniature picture of a United India. Its successful working would be a reply to those who were day and night dreaming of Pakistan.

Referring to the Expanded Executive Council Mr. Aney said: "I can say that the Council has been carrying on its work after giving the utmost consideration to public opinion expressed on matters that came up before them for discussion. His Excellency the Viceroy has so far always shown readiness to accept the view of the Council on all questions that came up before it during the last two months. I pay my public tribute to him for the patience with which he listens to understand his colleagues and the practical commonsense he brings to bear on the solution of the problem under discussion".

IT HAS BEGUN TO TELL

"I do not judge the value of the Expanded Council so much by its direct achievements, which are bound to be limited on account of certain statutory limitations on the powers of the Viceroy's Executive Council under the Government of India Act, as by its indirect influence on the public opinion for good. Its establishment is, in my opinion, more than justified by the slow but sure change that is coming over in the public opinion of this country on certain matters of vital importance to the future progress of the country.

The formation of the Ministry in Orissa and the change of Ministry in Bengal are notable symptoms of the healthier change in the trend of public opinion.

Even in the Congress camp a very responsible section has begun to feel the need of a change in the policy. There is a feeling

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## Reception To Congress President

**The General Secretaries of the E.P.C.C. announce:**

**Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, is arriving in Bombay to-day (Friday) by the Calcutta Mail, (via Chheoki), which is scheduled to reach the Victoria Terminus at 9-25 a. m. (S.T.). On arrival the Congress President will be accorded a public reception at the Victoria Terminus on behalf of the B. P. C. C. Volunteers are required to be present at the station before 8 a. m. sharp.**

**Azad To Speak To-day**

**Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, will address a public meeting on the "Present political situation" to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p. m. (S. T.) at Chowpatty. Volunteers are required to be present at Chowpatty precisely at 4-30 p. m.**

## MASS RAID ON KUNMING

**Tokio Claims Destruction Of Objectives**

*TOKYO, Dec. 18.*

*Military objectives in Kunming, the Capital of Yunnan province, at the Chinese end of the Burma Road were destroyed when Japanese army bombers made a mass raid on the city to-day, it is claimed in a message from the Japanese Army air base in French Indo-China.—Reuter.*

*BURMA PATROL CLASH WITH ENEMY*

**RANGOON, Dec. 16.**

**The army headquarters in Burma issued a Communique at 18.30 hours to-day stating.**

**"One of our patrols on the Tenasserim border exchanged shots with the frontier post. There is nothing further to report."—A. P.**

*JAPANESE WARSHIP SET ABLAZE*

*Dutch Naval Planes Score Direct Hits*

BATAVIA, Dec. 18.

Two direct bomb hits on a Japanese Cruiser are announced in a N. E. I. 'communique' issued here to-day.

The 'communique' says: "During operations of Dutch naval planes at Miri a flying-boat scored direct hits on a Japanese Cruiser (not a destroyer as stated in a provisional report).

Flying about five-thousand metres, the flying-boat dropped five bombs of 400 lbs. on the Cruiser, which was moving at a high speed. Two were direct hits, exploding at about a quarter of the ship's length for the stern.

A third bomb exploded directly against the ship which may have made a hit. A big fire broke out immediately aboard the warship."—Reuter.

*ATTACK ON GREENWICH ISLAND*

MELBOURNE, Dec. 18.

A 'communique' issued from the Royal Australian Air Force states: "Our aircraft successfully bombed Japanese installations on Greenwich Island. Japanese aircraft which attempted an interception were driven off and one enemy aircraft was damaged. Enemy aircraft made further reconnaissances across Bismarck Archipelago. Our reconnaissance at sea continues. All our aircraft have returned to their bases."—Reuter.

GEN. ROMMEL FOR DERNA?

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Gen. Rommel is apparently attemptng to retreat to his base at Derna, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London to-day.—Reuter.

## Contact With Hong-Kong Maintained

### HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES IN MALAYA

### No Enemy Activity In Philippines Says Washington

*LONDON, December 17.*

***The British retreat south of the River Krian in Malaya has increased the danger to Penang, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London to-day.***

***Troops south of Kedah were successfully disengaged during the night and are now reorganising south of the Krian River which runs along the southern border of the Kedah province.***

***Information reaching London shows that there was continuation of Japanese shelling and bombing of Hong Kong. British artillery dispersed Japanese troop concentrations and transport on the mainland and silenced two sections of artillery.***

*FIGHT FOR MALAYA*

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17.

A 'communique' this morning states:

"During the night our troops in South Kedah and the Province of Wellesley successfully disengaged and are now reorganising south of Singei Krian.

Yesterday there was some fighting in the vicinity of Grik, but no enemy activity in that area was reported this morning.

In Kelantan, an attack on our position has been driven off with heavy casualties to the enemy. No enemy air activity was reported during the night."

SUNGEI KRIAN:—The river Krian flows about thirty miles south of the river Muda and forms the border between Kedah and Perak. Grik lies in Northern Perak and is the terminus of the main road northwards towards the Thailand frontier.

*NO JAPANESE ACTIVITY IN PHILIPPINES*

**WASHINGTON:—The War Department in a "communique" issued on Thursday morning reports the complete absence of Japanese activity in the Philippines and adds that there is no news of enemy activity in other areas.**

**Manila Air Fields Raided**

MANILA:—At least twelve Japanese planes were counted to-day when the Nicholas and Zablan air fields were raided by Japanese squadrons.

The Army Command reports that the damage to the airfields was slight.

CLASH SOUTH OF VIGAN.

The Japanese suffered a number of casualties in a clash south of Vigan on Monday afternoon and the invaders were driven back many miles before darkness halted the fighting.

This was announced early this morning by the United States Far Eastern Command.

The 'communique' praised the morale of the Filipino soldiers involved in the fighting and other despatches said that the Filipinos were fighting valiantly in all encounters with the Japanese.

**For Cohesion And Co-ordination**

The entire Philippine army is being inducted into the United States Army of the Far East, it is announced by General MacArthur from the Army Headquarters here to-day. This is being done "in order to amalgamate all the defence forces and effectuate the maximum cohesion and co-ordination." It is also announced that General MacArthur has given President Quezon a cheque for ten-million dollars for public relief and civilian defence.

*CHINESE ATTACK JAPANESE REAR*

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18.

The Chinese counter-attacking the Japanese rear in the Canton Kowloon sector are continuing their operations, according to a Chinese war Communique.

They are attacking enemy troop concentrations at Putoi between the town and the railway inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese, add the Communique.

Another Chinese unit is sweeping down from Tunghun point northeast of Canton. In Chuoan area the Chinese recaptured an important town last Monday morning.

*Japanese Garrison Besieged*

Chinese troops in Eastern Chekiang Province are besieging the Japanese garrison in Mokanshan, a mountain resort—north-west of Hangchow, says a message to the official China News Agency.

The message adds that fighting has been going on round Mokanshan throughout the past week.

At the same time the Chinese also have been making local attacks in other places in Eastern Chekiang including the Ningpo and Shaoshing sectors.

The Japanese paid a heavy price for the occupation of Kowloon says the Shiukwan correspondent of the same agency. The British gunfire, he adds, was most effective and inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese mechanised units.

*Contact Maintained*

LONDON:— Hongkong maintains contact with the Chinese forces on the mainland, according to a Communique issued at Hongkong on Monday morning received in London to-day.

The text of the Communique is: "Nothing of interest to report during the night. Contact is being maintained with the headquarters of the advancing Chinese armies in northern Kwangtung.

*Artillery Duel*

Details of Hongkong with Japanese batteries on the mainland are given in a delayed Communique from Hongkong received by Reuter's in London to-day.

The Communique, dated Monday, says: "Two enemy batteries were silenced as the result of considerable exchange of shelling between our own and enemy batteries. None of our batteries were put out of action though they sustained a few casualties in exposed positions. The garrison spent a quiet night and weary troops from the mainland had much needed rest.

Now that the exact number of casualties incurred in the mainland fighting has been checked it has been found that they are even less than originally estimated.

## *LATEST NEWS*

JAPANESE DRIVEN BACK

MANILA:—A successful counter-attack against the Japanese south of Vigan in western Luzon on Monday was carried out by the Filipino Constabulary, says an official communique issued here today. Despite their numerical superiority the invaders were flung back several miles.—Reuter.

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E. J. DAWSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 15th December, 1941.
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By Order of the Board,
H. H. MISTRY.
Secretary.
Bombay, 18th December, 1941.
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5. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

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All persons having any claim, interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, mortgage, lease, charge, lien, trust, easement, maintenance, share, possession, co-parcenary rights or otherwise howsoever in the said property or any part thereof are hereby required to give Notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, interest or demand howsoever and the same (if any) shall be treated and considered as having been waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All those pieces or parcels of land, situate at Mouje Gundavali and Andheri, Pot Tukdi Bandra, Taluka Salsette Tukdi Thana District, Thana and situate in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, admeasuring 2978 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Survey No. 33 of Andheri and Survey No. 55, Pot No. 6 of Gundavali, together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling house standing thereon known as "Laxmi Cottage" and bounded, on or towards the East by the Private Road of Sheth Edulje Bhicajee Patel, on or towards the West by the land belonging to Sheth Cursetjee Bhicaji Patel, on or towards the North by the land belonging to Sheth Edulje Bhicajee Patel and on or towards the South by the Public Road going to Marol.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1941.

MOHILE PAREKH &
MANECKLAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys
(6864)

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.**

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits (estate and effects) of GANPATRAM NARSHIRAM MEHTA, alias GANPATRAM NRISINHRAM MEHTA alias GANPATRAM NRASINHRAM MEHTA alias GANPATRAM NANSIRAM MEHTA, of Umreth Hindu Inhabitant, serving in the Huzur Office in Bhuj in Cutch State and residing there at the time of his death. ..... Deceased.

HARSHADRAI GANPATRAM MEHTA, of Umreth Hindu Inhabitant at present residing at Bhuj (Cutch State) ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-one and in the Sixth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.)
G. G. MAHADEVIA,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

K. K. DASTUR.

The 17th day of December, 1941.
Messrs. B. AMIN AND CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
(6860)

## Legal Notices

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.**

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1458 of 1934.

(1) GOPALDAS POONJA, (2) PURSHOTTAM J E THABHAI and (3.) KHATAV KHIMJI, all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, carrying on business under the name, style and firm of Messrs. Khimji Poonja & Co., as Pucca Adatias at Dalal Street within the Fort of Bombay. ... Plaintiffs.

versus

(1.) RAMRAO ANANDRAO DESHMUKH, (2.) SHANKERRAO ANANDRAO DESHMUKH and (3.) VINEYENDRASING ANANDRAO DESHMUKH, all of Amraoti Hindu Inhabitants, members of the joint and undivided Hindu family carrying on business under the name and style of Messrs. Anandrao Tukaram at Amraoti and Shujalpur. ..... Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Hon'ble Court will be moved before His Lordship the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla on THURSDAY, the 15th day of January, 1942, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in the High Court of Bombay or so soon thereafter as Counsel can be conveniently heard for and on behalf of the Plaintiffs abovenamed for an Order;

(a) That the defendants do pay to the Plaintiffs the sum of Rs. 6,454|6|6.
(b) That the defendants do pay to the plaintiffs the costs of an incidental to the sale and abortive sales held by the Commissioner when taxed.
(c) That the defendants do pay to the Plaintiffs the costs of this Notice of Motion and Order to be made thereon.
(d) That for such further and other reliefs as the circumstances of the case may require.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1941.

(Sd.) MOTICHAND & DEVIDAS,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

Affidavit of Haribhai Mohanbhai Desai solemnly affirmed on the 17th day of April, 1941, will be used in support of this Notice of Motion.

To

1. Ramrao Anandrao Deshmukh, Esq., (the 1st defendant abovenamed)
2. Shankerrao Anandrao Deshmukh, Esq., (the 2nd defendant abovenamed)
3. Vinayendrasing Anandrao Deshmukh, Esq., (the 3rd defendant abovenamed)

(6863)

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. MORARJI MULRAJ KHATAU, DHARAMSEY MULRAJ KHATAU, LAXMIDAS MULRAJ KHATAU, CHANDRAKANT MULRAJ KHATAU and LALITKUMAR MULRAJ KHATAU, the Trustees of Seth Mulraj Khatau Trust Settlement have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement, or otherwise is hereby requested to make the same known in writing to us in our Office at Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THOSE three pieces or parcels of land being Plot Nos. 1 and 2 of the Mulraj Khatau Trust Settlement Scheme and a strip of land on the South side of the said plots situate at Palli Hill in Danda in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra Taluka South Salsette, Bombay, Suburban District, forming part of Survey No. 318(1) and admeasuring 3172 square yards and 2200 square yards respectively and the said plots Nos. 1 and 2 are bounded on the South partly by the said strip of land and partly by a public road, on the North partly by plot No. 6 and partly by land reserved for a Road, on the East by property bearing Survey No. 316 and on the West by plot No. 3 and the said strip of land is bounded on the North by the said plots Nos. 1 and 2, on the East by the said Survey No. 316 and on the West and South by a Public Road.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1941.

S. F. B. TYABJI CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
6871.

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**From To-morrow!**
**NAVYUG'S Popular Hit**

# SANGAM

*"Romance Plus Realism"*
MARATHI: 4, 10 p.m.
HINDI: 7 p.m.

**New West End**

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FAZAL HAJI BANDEALI RAMJI, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our client free from all incumbrances and claims, the land hereditaments and premises described in the Schedule hereunder written.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand in, to or upon the said land hereditaments and premises or any part thereof by way of inheritance, sale, gift, trust, lease, underlease, mortgage, charge, possession, maintenance, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise on the expiration of the said period the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered to have been absolutely waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

All that piece or parcel of Bombay Municipal Leasehold land or ground with the messuages tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being Plot No. 169 of Shivaji Park Scheme, Mahim, of Bombay Municipal Corporation in the City and Island of Bombay and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 591 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "G" Ward No. 4696(2) and Street No. 9 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1878 of Mahim Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say on or towards the East by Plot No. 167 of the said Scheme, on or towards the West by Plot No. 171 of the said Scheme, on or towards the North by 50 feet Road and on or towards the South by Plot No. 168 of the said Scheme.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1941.

MADHAVJI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
6861.

## Auction Sales

**BENNETT & CO.**

AUCTION SALE OF MOTOR CARS AND FURNITURE.

Under instructions from the Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO will sell by public auction on MONDAY, 22nd December 1941 at 2-30 p.m (S.T.) at the office of Messrs Sanko Kabusiki Kaisya, Warden House Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road Fort, the undermentioned Motor Cars and furniture properties of Messrs. Sanko Kabusiki Kaisya and others vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property

1. Chevrolet D'Lux Sedan 6 cyl., 29 H.P., 5 seater 1939 Model.
1. Hillman Minx D'Lux Saloon 4 cyl., 9 H.P., 4 seater 1937 Model.
1. Packard Saloon 6 cyl., 29 H.P., 5 seater 1940 Model, No. BMX 1882.
1. Chevrolet Delivery Van 6 Cyl., 29 H.P., 1939 Model. No. B.M.T. 5204.
1. Dodge D'Lux Sedan, 6 cyl, 25 H.P., 5 seater, 1940 Model, No. B.M.X. 772.
1. Oldsmobile D'Lux Touring Sedan, 6 cyl, 28 H.P., 5 seater, 1939 Model, No. B.M.W. 7486

Also

Dining, Drawing and Bedroom modern furniture, glass top office writing tables and chairs, steel cabinet, etc.

Furniture on view, Motor Cars on view on the day of sale from 11 a.m.

AUCTION SALE OF 27 BALES BUKHEDI A. R. COTTON.

Under instructions from the Insurance Co. concerned Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by public auction TODAY (FRIDAY), the 19th December, 1941, at 2-15 p.m. (S. T.), the undermentioned lying in Messrs. Ralli Bros. godown No. H. 126 at Sewree Cotton Depot.

25 Bales Bukhedi A. R. Cotton (country damaged).
2 Bales Bukhedi A. R. Cotton (fire damaged).

Terms—25 per cent deposit.

BENNETT & CO.

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PRESENTS
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From **TO-MORROW**
**16th WEEK 16th**
**To-day Shows Nos.—227, 228 and 229**
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**NATIONAL'S Delightful Film**
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4th WEEK
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**PATHE**
Daily: 3-30, 6-30, 10 p.m.
Mat. at 12-30 on Sun. and Holidays

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*See* PARAMOUNT'S Super-Thriller

Circus Queen

4th WEEK SUPER TALKIES

Daily: 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m.


# THE VICEROY'S WAR PURPOSES FUND

December 18.

The Viceroy's War Purposes Fund has now reached a figure of Rs. 5,49,07,075. His Excellency gratefully acknowledges this splendid voluntary effort. The position of the Fund on November 30, 1941, was:—

| | | Rs. (lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| Total payments | ..... | 470.13 |
| Sums earmarked and awaiting payment | ..... | 39.47 |
| Free Balance | ..... | 39.47 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 549.07 |

Contributions for the following objects would be particularly welcome:—

Amenities for the fighting forces.

Benevolent Funds of the fighting forces (Indian and British).

Indian Red Cross.

Welfare of Indian merchant seamen.

Lord Mayor's National Air-raid Distress Relief Fund.

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A BANKER'S ORDER WILL BE FOUND ON ANOTHER PAGE.

# LONG LIQUIDATION ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

## No Immediate Prospect Of Release Of Government Cotton

## OPPOSITION TO REMOVAL OF ACREAGE RESTRICTIONS

Bombay, December 18

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market was quiet on increased realising. The market declined during the early part on trade and Commission House liquidation and local selling in sympathy with wheat and securities but Washington indications of no immediate prospect of Commodity Credit Corporation releasing cotton and Wickards opposition to the removal of acreage restriction encouraged support.

However, recovery was tempered by the imposition of temporary ceilings on finished textiles and the market closed barely steady

The Chicago grains market downturned on professional liquidation, on Government plans to dispose some surplus of wheat and withdrawal of flour buyers from the market. Wheat declines were cushioned by reports of increasing farm bloc opposition to O.P.A. Fats and oils ceilings but closed easy.

The cotton outlook is encouraging and prospects of a record consumption are bound to harden eventually but much depends upon Government action.

NEW YORK MARKET

The market opened at a decline of 10 points with March 16.80 There was moderate buying and prices recovered to 16.88 which was the highest level. Thereafter there was renewed selling and March declined to 16.75 which was the lowest level reached during the first hour. The market was quiet and finally closed at a net decline of 11 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices declined 19 points at 17.99c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also quiet on increased selling and closed at a net decline of 21 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices declined 15 points at 17c.

LOCAL MARKET

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—

Cotton advanced by Rs. 6 on frantic sentimental speculative buying. The reasons ascribed were the rise in charcoal and potatoes coupled with some impending options expiring on 20th instant. Purely from the point of cotton, these reasons were flamboyant but public sentiment was optimistic. Normally, there exists no relationship between charcoal and cotton. Cotton counts more on its local stock, daily receipts and mills monthly consumption. From this view point, local stocks are 10 1/2 lacs bales, daily arrivals now average about 15,000 bales and monthly consumption about 1 1/2 lac bales. But stress was laid on the rail transport difficulties should any emergency arise. In this connection, it may be well to remember that how the Liverpool cotton trade Association overcame such emergency when they were confronted with similar disabilities soon after the outbreak of European war. Their directors summarily decided all near future contracts should be invoiced on landed import price plus 10 per cent profit and such hedge contracts must be transferred to distants to protect genuine sales since importers from Egypt and America could not obtain their supplies in time to fulfil their contracts. That obviated the danger of a squeeze.

In a sentimental market being guided by the Indian frontier war reports together with conditions in shares and yarn, hazarding any definite opinion should prove to be like a prognasticator reading of unverified future events.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (10-6 a.m.) ..... 16.58—02

New York March lowest (10-52 a.m.) ..... 16.76—14

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market declined on long liquidation and scattered selling.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 17

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 16.37 |
| March | 16.76—14 |
| May | 16.91 |
| July | 16.93—17 |
| October | 16.99—11 |
| Middling Spot | 17.99—11 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, December 17

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 16.43—21 |
| March | 16.80—15 |
| May | 16.95 |
| Middling Spot | 17.00—15 |

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 17 Noon call

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 16.82 |
| May | 16.96 |
| July | 17.00 |

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, December 17

Day's receipts at all U S ports 23,000 bales

LONDON SEEDS

London, December 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Rozario Santa Fe | 22/4 1/2 |
| Barletta Russo | 22/6 |
| South Australian | 27/6 |

LONDON RUBBER

London, December 17

London smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb ..... unquoted.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, December 18

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Groundnuts | February— | Rs. | 45 | 0 0 |
| | Opening | | 45 | 8 0 |
| | Highest | | 44 | 13 6 |
| | Lowest | | 45 | 0 0 |
| | Closing | | | |
| Cottonseeds | January— | | 27 | 13 0 |
| | Opening | | 28 | 0 0 |
| | Highest | | 27 | 7 6 |
| | Lowest | | 27 | 14 6 |
| | Closing | | | |
| Cottonseeds | May— | | 26 | 10 6 |
| | Opening | | 26 | 13 6 |
| | Highest | | 26 | 7 0 |
| | Lowest | | 26 | 13 0 |
| | Closing | | | |
| Castorseeds | May— | | 45 | 8 0 |
| | Opening | | 45 | 8 0 |
| | Highest | | 45 | 2 0 |
| | Lowest | | 45 | 2 0 |
| | Closing | | | |

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, December 18

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yellow metal sheets | ..... | Rs. | 122 0 0 |
| Copper sheets | ..... | Rs. | 115 0 0 |

Tone:—Steady.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 18-12-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.013 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.8 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb), at 8 a.m. 66.2 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 88.6 degrees (2.3 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 74.5 degrees (6.3 above normal).

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 48 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 6 miles per hour.

Total mouvement of wind in 24 hours 113 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 15 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 18-12-41.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 81.3 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.17 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.97 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

# BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, December 18

Following a decline of 14 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 233 for Broach A/M delivery but with encouraging Russian war news the market was firm at Rs. 236/8 and improved to Rs. 237 At this level there was moderate selling and prices reacted to Rs. 234/4. The market steadied at this level. The outlook is encouraging and any further decline is likely to attract buyers.

There was some professional unloading and prices declined to Rs. 233/4 and steadied at Rs. 234/12 but again declined to Rs. 232/12 on realising. The decline was steady, and the market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Broach | A/M | ..... Rs. | 232 | 12 0 |
| Oomra | D/J | ..... | 198 | 8 0 |
| Oomra | March | ..... | 183 | 0 0 |
| Oomra | May | ..... | 184 | 8 0 |
| Bengal | D/J | ..... | 0 | 0 0 |
| Bengal | March | ..... | 144 | 8 0 |
| Bengal | May | ..... | 145 | 0 0 |

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, December 18

| | | Extra Spr-fine | Sup. | Fine | F.G. | Good |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M G | Bengal U P | ..... | 151 | 148 | 145 | 142 |
| M G | Punjab | ..... | 151 | 148 | 145 | 142 |
| M G | Oomra No. 3 | 206 | 203 | 200 | 197 | ... |
| M G | C. P. No. 1 | ...241 | 238 | 235 | 232 | ... |
| M G | C. P. No. 2 | ...219 | 216 | 213 | 210 | ... |

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

| Approx quotations. | Ready. Old. | Delry. contract Ready. | Dec. | Jany. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bengal Fine ..... | 139/42 | 149/51 | ..... | ..... |
| Berar ..... | 166/71 | 199/201 | Par | —2 |
| C. P. 1 ..... | 206/11 | 231/34 | +30 | +26 |
| C. P. 2 ..... | 176/81 | 211/15 | | |
| Khandesh ..... | 139/42 | 146/51 | | |
| Mugdal ..... | 146/51 | 156/58 | | |
| Broach ..... | 191/201 | | | |
| Broach Low ..... | 156/61 | | | |

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, December 18

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat January | ..... | 0 | 1 6 |
| Wheat May | ..... | 0 | 1 3 |
| Linseed May | ..... | 1 | 1 0 |
| Groundnut February | ..... | 3 | 10 0 |
| Castorseed May | ..... | 5 | 12 0 |
| Cottonseed January | ..... | 1 | 8 0 |
| Cottonseed May | ..... | 3 | 0 0 |
| Silver 1st settlement | ..... | 2 | 0 0 |
| Silver 2nd settlement | ..... | 3 | 0 0 |
| Gold 1st settlement | ..... | 2 | 0 0 |
| Gold 2nd settlement | ..... | 3 | 0 0 |

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

| In full-pressed bales. | Yesterday. | This year. | Since 1st Septr. Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Khandesh | 1,565 | 12,896 | 22,530 |
| Central India | 260 | 6,424 | 4,027 |
| Barsi and Nagar | 601 | 15,768 | 12,803 |
| Hyderabad/Gaorani | | 570 | 3,592 |
| Berar | 2,119 | 37,031 | 43,762 |
| Central Provinces | 1,521 | 13,254 | 2,913 |
| Total Oomras | 6,066 | 85,943 | 89,807 |
| Dholeras | | 12,591 | 4,200 |
| N.-W. Provinces | | 949 | 3 |
| Rajputana | | 279 | 506 |
| Sind-Punjab | 5,150 | 133,502 | 136,440 |
| Broach | 330 | 14,427 | 5,800 |
| Coompta and Dharwar | | 5,494 | 22,262 |
| Westerns-Northerns | | 5,411 | 24,527 |
| Cocanada | | | 170 |
| Tinnevelly and Cambodia | | 7,397 | 522 |
| Total | 11,546 | 266,093 | 284,166 |
| Arrived by road to 11th December 1941 | | 17,500 | 32,000 |

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, December 18

| F P Bales. | 1941/42 | 1940/41 |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts to date 17-12-41 | 2167000 | 2285000 |
| Receipts yesterday 17-12-41 | 23000 | 5000 |
| Export to date 12-12-41 | 570000 | 542000 |
| Stock at Ports 12-12-41 | 3375000 | 3338000 |
| Stock at interior towns do. | 3349000 | 3280000 |
| Quantity in sight 12-12-41 | 6246000 | 6558000 |

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 793 cent points at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 18

Broach A/M highest 235 3/4 lowest 229 1/4 closing 235 1/4

Oomra D/J highest 201 1/4 lowest 198 closing 201 1/4

Oomra March highest 186 lowest 183 1/2 closing 186

Oomra May highest 188 lowest 185 1/2 closing 187 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 148 1/2 lowest 143 closing 145

Bengal March highest 149 lowest 145 closing 146 1/2

Bengal May highest 150 3/4 lowest 147 closing 148

## Goculdas Cullianji Barsi Cotton Press Co. Ltd.

The forty-ninth annual ordinary general meeting of the Shareholders of the Goculdas Cullianji Barsi Cotton Press Co. Ltd. was held on Wednesday, the 17th instant at the Registered Office of the Company. Mr. Purshotam Gokuldas presiding.

The Directors in the course of their report for the year ending 30th June 1941, stated that a net profit of Rs. 11,796-4-3 has been made during the year. On the balance of Rs. 6,715-6-6 brought forward from last year's account, being added, the amount available for disposal is Rs. 18,511-10-9, which the Directors recommended to dispose of as under:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To write of the Building Depreciation ..... | Rs. 2,000 | 0 0 |
| To write of the Machinery Depreciation ..... | Rs. 4,000 | 0 0 |
| To write of Dead Stock and Furniture Depreciation | Rs. 300 | 0 0 |
| To write of Barsi Gin Electric Installation Depreciation ..... | Rs. 100 | 0 0 |
| To pay a Dividend Free of Incometax for the year ending 30th June 1941 on paid up capital at the rate of 4 per cent per annum as under:— | | |
| On 300 shares of 'A' capital of Rs. 250 paid up at Rs. 10 per share ..... | Rs. 3,000 | 0 0 |
| On 1500 shares of 'B' capital of Rs. 50 paid up at Rs. 2 per share ..... | Rs. 3,000 | 0 0 |
| To pay bonus to Company's staff ..... | Rs. 400 | 0 0 |
| To carry to New Year's account ..... | Rs. 5,711 | 10 9 |
| | Rs. 18,511 | 10 9 |

The Director's report was adopted together with the recommendation made in it.

The retiring Director Mr. Tricumdas Chhabildas was re-elected as a Director under clause 112 of the Article of Association of the Company. Messrs. Dalal and Shah were appointed as Auditors for the ensuing year. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, December 18

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Java ready from Bond Rs. 17-8-0

African from Bond Rs. 17-0-0

Shipment September Rs. 11-4-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 15-12-0 to 17-4-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 17-5-0 to 18-0-0

Bombay Group March delivery Rs. 13-1-0

Tone:—Steady.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, December 18

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Linseed May | ..... | 9 | 6 6 |
| Wheat January | ..... | 5 | 14 6 |
| Wheat May | ..... | 7 | 5 6 |

# Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, December 18

Following a steadiness in cotton, the share market opened higher and prices thereafter moved in a narrow range. Tata Deferreds opened at 1590 and touched 1600 but closed at 1595. Tata Ordinaries opened at 295 and improved to 299 declining to 297 at the close. Bombay Dyeings were also better off at 1115. Indian Irons were quoted at 30.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1550) 1590 1600 1595

Tata Ordinaries (290) 295 299 297

Tata Ordinary 297; Tata Deferreds 1595; Indian Iron 30; Steel Corpn of Bengal 17/8; Bombay Dyeing 1115; Central India 335; Century 350; Gokak 220; Kohinoor 450; Simplex 185; Andhra Valley 1645; Tata Hydro 165; Tata Power 1580; Associated Cement 146; Belapur 222/8; Bombay Burma (old) 285.

## *Share Bazar Remains Closed*

Bombay, December 18

The local Stock Exchange was expected to resume trading to-day but Brokers were not inclined to operate and there was no trading.

After the recent crisis the orthodox section was not willing to do any business to day being "Amwas".

# MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 18

LONDON:—

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.

B C RATES:—

T T 1/6 15/16; D D 1/6 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32; D D 1/6 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32

NEW YORK:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 327 1/2

Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.

MONTREAL:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 294 3/4

Cross Rates Dol. 4 43/47

JAVA:—

Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56

Banks buying T T Gld 57½; D D Gld 58

Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62

BERNE:—

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.

Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.

Cross Rates Fcs 17 30/40

STOCKHOLM:

Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128

Cross Rates K 16.25/95.

SINGAPORE:—

Banks selling T T Rs 158; D D Rs. 158

Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs. 154 1/2

Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32

HONGKONG:—

Banks selling T T Rs 85 1/4; D D Rs 84 1/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs 81

Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32

SHANGHAI:—

Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.

Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16

MEXICO:—

Banks selling T T Rs 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04

Cross Rates Pes. 19.5 21.5

LISBON:—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55

Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20

NEW YORK:—

Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady

Gold £8/8/0 Ready

New York Silver 35 1/8

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1/2 per cent.

1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.

3 to 6 months 3/4 per cent.

9 months 1 per cent.

Tone:—Better demand

# Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 12th December 1941.

| LIABILITIES | Rs. | Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| CAPITAL:— | | |
| Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each | 11,25,00,000 | |
| Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each | 11,25,00,000 | |
| Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid | 3,75,00,000 | |
| 1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid | 1,87,50,000 | 5,62,50,000 |
| Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares | 5,62,50,000 | |
| Reserve Fund | | 5,62,50,000 |
| Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts | | 106,64,27,000 |
| Loans against Securities per contra | | ..... |
| Acceptances for Constituents | | ..... |
| Sundries | | 1,22,62,000 |
| | Rupees | 121,11,89,000 |
| ASSETS | Rs. | Rs. |
| INVESTMENTS:— | | |
| Government Securities | 63,92,82,000 | |
| Other Authorised Investments | 1,33,62,000 | 65,16,44,000 |
| ADVANCES:— | | |
| Loans | 7,52,67,000 | |
| Cash Credits and Overdrafts | 18,28,80,000 | |
| Bills Discounted and Purchased | 4,90,94,000 | 30,72,41,000 |
| Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra | | ..... |
| Dead Stock | | 1,78,11,000 |
| Sundries | | 1,13,10,000 |
| Bullion | | ..... |
| CASH:— | | |
| In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India | 17,77,61,000 | |
| Balances with other Banks | 4,54,22,000 | 22,31,83,000 |
| | Rupees | 121,11,89,000 |

# Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay, December 18

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64/2 Koru Nissin:— | | | |
| Spot | ..... Rs. | 33 | 0 0 |
| December | ..... | 33 | 2 0 |
| 84/2 Koru Nissin:— | | | |
| Spot | ..... | 41 | 8 0 |
| December | ..... | 42 | 0 0 |
| 62/2 Any:— | | | |
| Spot | ..... | 3 | 3 0 |
| December | ..... | 3 | 3 0 |
| 80/2 Any:— | | | |
| Spot | ..... | 3 | 10 0 |
| December | ..... | 3 | 10 0 |
| 150 Any:— | | | |
| Spot | ..... | 3 | 4 6 |
| December | ..... | 3 | 4 6 |

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 18

Yarn No. 6 1/2s December 225 February 225 April 225

Yarn No. 10 1/2s December 245 February 245 April 245

Yarn No. 20 1/2s December 375 February 333 April 330

Yarn No. 40s December 560 February 555 April 550

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, 40s are nominal.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, December 18

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alleppey Pepper ready per candy | | 101 | 0 0 |
| Maha Sud 15 | ..... | 97 | 0 0 |
| Chaitra Sud 15 | ..... | 100 | 0 0 |
| Ginger ready | ..... | 34 | 0 0 |
| Maha Sud 15 | ..... | 26 | 0 0 |
| Chaitra Sud 15 | ..... | 26 | 0 0 |

*Nightly care brings Morning Loveliness*

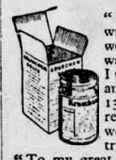
Only a little care of your skin each night is enough to ensure the loveliness of your complexion. Remember that Nature made your skin a succession of layers, so that as the outer, exposed skin became worn and weather-beaten, it should gradually disappear and give place to the clear, fresh, new skin underneath. If your complexion is apt to be dull and muddy, it is a sign that minute particles of the old dried-up cuticle are choking the fresh, young skin lying underneath.

Just try this natural way to help Nature's process. Each night gently massage your face and neck with a little pure Mercolized Wax. Mercolized Wax has the peculiar property of imperceptibly dissolving away the tiny particles of dead skin, while you sleep, and leaving the beautiful, young skin clear and unimpaired. But be sure to ask your chemist, store or bazaar for pure Mercolized Wax (containing no animal fat). No ordinary cream will bring the same result

Mercolized Wax

AFTER BABY CAME..

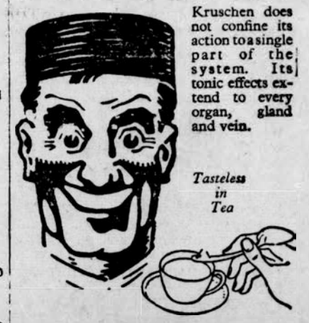
*Mother put on Weight!*



"Before having my baby," writes a young mother, "I weighed 10 stone afterwards—to my great dismay—I weighed 12 stone 7 pounds, and gradually increased to 13 stone 1 pound. Then I read of Kruschen Salts (six weeks ago) and decided to try them.

"To my great joy, when I weighed last Wednesday, it went 12 stone 1½ pounds. "I feel I have a lot of pleasure and happiness in store."—(Mrs.) L. B.

There are six vital mineral salts in Kruschen. These salts combat the cause of fat by assisting the internal organs to perform their functions properly — to throw off each day those waste products and poisons, which, if allowed to accumulate, will be converted by the body's chemistry into fatty tissue.



Kruschen does not confine its action to a single part of the system. Its tonic effects extend to every organ, gland and vein.

*Tasteless in Tea*

You too can have THAT KRUSCHEN FEELING


# GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, December 18

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot silver was unchanged at 23 1/2d and forward quotation was 23 1/2d. There was a small demand which was officially supplied. New York Spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. The local market is keeping firm on large buying by Shroffs and Commission houses. There is scarcity of contracts and prices are keeping firm. Quotations were as under:—

| GOLD | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ready | ..... Rs. | 49 5 0 |
| Posh | ..... | 48 11 0 |
| Maha | ..... | 48 10 0 |
| Sovereigns | ..... | 33 8 0 |
| SILVER | | |
| Ready | ..... | 71 0 0 |
| Posh | ..... | 66 15 0 |
| Maha | ..... | 66 14 0 |

LONDON SILVER

London, December 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Spot | 23 1/2 |
| Forward | 23 1/2 |

LONDON GOLD

London, December 17

Gold Bars Fine per oz ..... £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, December 17

T T London on:—

Market rates unchanged.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, December 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent | £70 |
| Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 | £90 1/2 |
| Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later | £96 3/4 |
| Consols 2 1/2 per cent | £61 1/2 |
| Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 | £106 9/16 |
| War loan 3 1/2 per cent | £104 1/2 |
| Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 | £114 |
| Victory bonds 4 per cent | £114 |
| Chartered Bank of I A and China | £7 5/8 |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg) | £63 |
| National Bank of India | £34 |

# Handicaps Of Insurance Companies

## Bombay Mutual Actuary's Report Approved

**Presiding over the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society held on Thursday to consider the Auctuarary's Report on Valuation, Donus to staff and adoption of the draft and the new articles of association of the Society, the Chairman, Mr. U. S. Desai said:—**

Gentlemen,

It is not even six months since I addressed you at the time of the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Society in June last. Those of you who were present at the Meeting may remember that I had given the Members to understand that the Valuation of the Society's assets and liabilities was in progress and that an Extraordinary General Meeting would be called to adopt the Valuation Report of the Society at no distant date. As the amendments of the Articles of the Society necessitated by the amendments of the Company Law and the Insurance Law were also overdue your Directors took the opportunity to place also the draft New Articles for your consideration and approval simultaneously with the Valuation Report.

INSURANCE ACT RESTRICTOINS.

In rising to address you to-day on the results of the Triennial Valuation of the Society as at 31st December, 1940, as disclosed in our Actuary's Report which has been in your hands for some time and may, therefore, I presume, be taken as read, I have to point out that this is the third Valuation of the Society made during a period of declining interest rates, and the first Valuation under the Insurance Act, 1938. During the two preceding Valuations the management of the Society had to grapple with the difficulties created by the Investment Market only. But since 1937, in addition to these difficulties, the provisions of Section 27 of the Insurance Act 1938 have tied our hands completely with the result that today we have to take it for granted that, unless Section 27 is modified or unless the definition of the Approved Securities is considerably widened in its scope so as to include other sound securities with better yield, the old era during which Members were wont to look for better returns by way of bonuses may never come at all. It was expected that the war, while subjecting the Government Securities to depreciation might lead to an improvement in the return, but the Government have this time controlled the economic conditions in such an exceptionally successful manner that there is neither the expected depreciation in Securities nor the consequent improvement in the return.

It is really unfortunate that somehow or other the insuring public has been trained to look for bonuses as something like a trading profit and to attach more importance to them than to insurance cover proper. Let me pause here for a while to explain what bonsuses are and how they arise.

WHAT ARE BONUSES?

In an Insurance Company the premia paid by the participating policyholders is fixed at an amount somewhat greater than the Company expects will be needed under normal conditions to pay for the cost of furnishing the insurance. This margin is necessary in order to make sure that the company has on hand at all times sufficient funds to cover any unforeseen contingencies that may arise and to provide for the accrual of a reasonal surplus.

The policyholder receives back in the form of bonus such amounts as having regard to past experience and present conditions happen to be in excess of the provision required for the maintenance of the necessary reserve funds which assure payment of future policy obligations. Thus, after premiums and interest from investments have been credited, after payment to policyholders and beneficiaries and expenses have been met, after the reserve which is rquired to insure the payment of future obligations has been set aside and after provision has been made for an extra safety fund if necessary, any funds remaining are available for bonuses. The company apportions and distributes these funds to individual policyholders in such a manner that the bonus on each policy represents the refund to a certain extent due on that policy for that particular year.

DECLINE IN INTEREST INCOME.

After having explained what bonuses are and how they arise let me pass on to the factors which account for their fluctuations. The actual cost of life assurance depends primarily on three factors; the claim rate among the policyholders, the interest earned and the running expenses of the company. Any material change in any of these factors may increase or may lower the actual cost of insurance. For instance, when a life insurance company receives less in interest, insurance must cost more than it otherwise would. During the last ten years, there has been a substantial decline in interest income on most forms of investments available to life assurance companies. The savings resulting from a lower death rate and lower expense rates have not been enough to offset such reduction in surplus due to interest earnings.

As a result the amount available for bonuses during the period of declining interest rates has been reduced.

It will be clear to you from what I have said above that Life Insurance Companies today are facing a serious dislocation of factors which form the basis of their working estimates. In their struggle, therefore, to maintain equilibrium under conditions beyond their control they have had to resort to the only available correctives viz., the increase in premium rates and reduction in bonuses. I trust you are already aware of the fact that in accordance with the recommendations of our Actuary the Society's premium rates were revised and were put into effect from 1st July, 1941.

STRINGENT BASIS.

Coming to the Valuation Report proper, you will find that in valuing the liabilities of the Society, our Actuary has assumed mortality at Om (5) table with an addition of 5 years in age, interest at 4 per cent. and provision for expenses and profits at 19.4 per cent. for with profit policies and 15.7 per cent for without profit policies. Looking to conditions prevailing at present and the uncertainty of the future, the basis of Valuation had to be made stringent. The results, therefore, disclosed at present under a stringent basis should be considered as quite satisfactory

The Society's Mortality has recorded a considerable improvement and is 58 per cent. of the expected deaths at Om(5) Table with an addition of 5 years.

In the matter of reduction of bonuses Bombay Mutual is not occupying an isolated position as reports coming in from leading Life Offices in India indicate substantial reduction in bonus rates. Most of the British Life Offices as a war time measure have decided not to distribute any surplus arising out of Valuations made during the currency of the war. In India I do not think it is necessary for Indian Life Offices to resort to such a measure.

Your Directors have accepted the recommendation of the Actuary and resolutions covering the mode of distribution of profits will be placed before you to-day.

Coming to another important item on the agenda to-day, viz., the amendment of the Articles of the Society, I do not think it is necessary for me to explain anything more in extenso. The circular issued with the Valuation Report explains in detail the main changes introduced in the draft New Articles which were necessitated by the amendments of the Company Law and the Insurance Law as also by modern business requirements. I am sure you will welcome the changes introduced in the interests of the Society and accord your full approval to the same.

Gentlemen, I now beg to move that the Actuary's Report on the Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities of the Society as at 31st December, 1940, be approved and adopted.

After some discussion the Actuary's Report was adopted. Bonus to the staff was also sanctioned.

The Meeting stands adjourned till Saturday the 20th instant when the remaining item will be considered.

## Bengal Assembly Prorogued

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

When the Bengal Legislative Assembly met to-day, the Hon. Speaker announced that he had it in command from His Excellency the Governor of Bengal that the Assembly stood prorogued.—A. P.

PICKETING BY GUMASTAS AT STADIUM:—The Propaganda Secretary, Bombay Shop Assistants' Conference writes:—Peaceful picketing by the Gumasta Dal (Red Shirts) members will be organised today (Friday) at the Brabourne Stadium to boycott communal cricket. The Hindu and Muslim Gumastas are requested to be present in their Red Shirts at Mantri House at 9-30 a.m.

A meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee and of the Gumasta Dal will be held to-day at 10 p.m. at Mantri House.

## *MRS. NAIDU STRESSES IDEAL OF FREEDOM*

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 18.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who is leaving for Bombay 'en route' to Bardoli on December 21, to attend the meeting of the Congress Working Committee in an interview to the 'Associated Press' said:

"It is most unwise if not actually improper to express any final personal views on the eve of such a momentous session. The issues are fateful but I have every hope that the decision taken by the trusted leaders of the people at Bardoli will be in keeping with the dignity and integrity of India and the Indian ideal of freedom.—A. P.

# To-day's Pentangular

## MUSLIM AND HINDU SIDES

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TEAMS FOR THE SECOND SEMI-FINAL OF THE PENTANGULAR WHICH STARTS AT THE BRABOURNE STADIUM TO-DAY, FRIDAY:**

### Teams

| Muslims | Hindus |
|---|---|
| S. M. KADRI (Captain) | L. P. JAI (Captain) |
| E. S. MAKA | V. M. MERCHANT |
| SAEED AHMED | S. R. GODAMBE |
| A. A. HAKIM | D. D. HINDLEKER |
| U. R. CHHIPPA | K. N. RANGNEKER |
| K. C. IBRAHIM | C. S. NAYUDU |
| NAZAR MOHOMED | H. R. ADHIKARI |
| GUL MAHOMED | S. W. SOHONI |
| YAKOOB SHEIKH | C. T. SARAVATE |
| M. BALOOCH | K. M. JADHAV |
| A. A. PEERBHOY | M. N. RAIJI |

**Reserves**

| | |
|---|---|
| M. I. MERCHANT | R. J. GHARAT |
| Y. ALOO | U. M. MERCHANT |
| M. A. LATIF | V. N. RAIJI |

The Hindu side remains the same as originally selected but the Muslims have dropped three of their players (Nakhoda, Latif and Aloo) from their team which played against The Rest and have selected.

E. S. Maka (wkt.-keeper), M. Baluch and A. A. Peerbhoy, will in their stead.

# PLEA FOR GOVT. HELP TO 'ORPHAN' COTTON

## Sir Purshottamdas Advises Growers Of Short Staple To Switch On To Growing Food Grains

Speaking at the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the East India Cotton Association on Thursday Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, President said:—

"The world position of cotton does not call for any comment, in view of the extraordinary artificial condition in which every country is working as a result of the war. The Cotton Trade in India has persistently put forward its request to the Government of India that they should devise some direct method of helping such cotton at least as is regarded as "Orphan" cotton, under the present conditions, but there has been no response so far.

There is, however, one direction in which the Government can indirectly help, namely, by procuring wagons for movement of cotton from upcountry centres to Bombay, and I am glad that the Government of Bombay's attitude in this connection has so far been helpful. I have every confidence that this attitude of theirs will be kept up and wagons will be secured to move cotton as early as possible. This is particularly necessary whenever there is a premium for near deliveries, as supply of wagons will enable growers to avail themselves of the premium prevailing.

This much appears to be clear that stapled cotton would continue to be in demand as long as mills in India have orders on their books for either yarn or cloth. Regarding fair and short staple cotton, I am afraid the outlook cannot be said to be hopeful. To the grower of these varieties, the best advice one can give is, "Sell your produce as it is harvested, particularly in the short and fair staple varieties.

STOP SHORT STAPLE

In view of the ominous course the international outlook to-day, I feel that growers of short and fair staple cotton should in their own interest definitely turn their attention to growing food grains on their land in substitution of these varieties of cotton. This will ensure them a better return in the existing circumstances and further obviate the difficulty of securing a sure custom for their produce as is the case with regard to short and fair staple cotton. I would suggest the Government of India having this examined without delay and all Provinces and Indian States growing short and fair staple varieties taking effective steps to prevent any further land being sown with these varieties of cotton which threaten to be a drag on the cotton market. Such a change will make more food grains available—and these are badly needed at the moment—and if necessary direct encouragement to this change may be given in the shape of even a small bounty. I believe this is the minimum which the Government of India and the Provincial and State Governments should do to help the cotton grower and indirectly to make more food grains available.

## PROFITEERING IN NEWSPRINT

### India Govt.'s Strict Warning To Dealers

NEW DELHI: Dec. 18.

A Press Communique says:—

In view of the complaints which are being received from time to time, it is necessary to issue a warning that if the prices charged by a dealer in newsprint are found to be unreasonable, Government may have to remove his name from the approved list with the result that he will not be able to import any newsprint at all.

Government of India understand that exorbitant prices are being charged for newsprint and that even proprietors of newspapers are required to pay nine to ten annas per pound for newsprint sold from ready stock against quota allotment certificates held by them.

When the system of allotting quotas to newspapers was introduced Government decided that a newspaper should be allowed to import direct, on the basis of the quota allotment certificates granted to it, only such quantities of newsprint as it had imported direct in the year 1940 and that for the remainder it could nominate a dealer on the approved list.

The object of adopting this policy was that traders who had ordinarily been supplying newsprint to newspapers should not be put out of business and Government had hoped that this arrangement would secure that reasonable prices, representing only a fair margin of profit would be charged.

## *RAJAGOPALACHARIAR IN BOMBAY*

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari arrived in Bombay by the Frontier Mail, this morning.

It is likely that he will stay in Bombay for three days, after which he will leave for Bardoli.

After his arrival, Rajaji drove in Mr. Desai's car and at Mr. Desai's residence he consulted a dentist in connection with his tooth trouble.

## Thirty Satyagrahis Released In Punjab

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

Thirty more Congress Satyagrahis have been released from different jails of the Punjab, prominent among the latest releases being Sardar Partapsingh, MLA, Dr. Santram Seth MLA Pandit Amarnath Vidyalankar and Seth Radha Kishan.—A. P.

## Revisions in Hedge Contracts

Mr. Ramdeo A. Podar, Vice-President in the course of his speech said:—

"The main activities of your Association during the year under review have been clearly brought out in the report and the Chairman has particularly dealt with, in his speech, the situation in the cotton market during the last April/May delivery period. However, I would only add that with our worthy Chairman at the helm and with his able guidance, the situation was properly handled by your Board. There were some differences of opinion regarding the action taken and some remarks and even criticisms were made in the press and elsewhere against it as also against our worthy Chairman which of course is a matter which is very regrettable. However, I am sure subsequent events would have convinced them of the justification for the attitude of the Board in general.

In connection with the operations of last April/May delivery which has a direct bearing on the present system of Hedge Contracts, I would like to point out that your Board at the desire of the Trade appointed a Sub-Committee to consider revisions to be made in the existing Hedge Contracts and submit their report. Accordingly as a first step for reforming the present hedge contracts the Sub-Committee unanimously recommended to the Board the prescription of single month delivery periods in place of the present double month delivery periods. These recommendations were accepted by the Board, approved by the general body in March last and submitted to Government for sanction. It is a pity that Government should have so far withheld sanction of these amendments on account of the objection of a certain body even though they were approved by the Board and passed by the general body. Even though the unanimous opinion in the Trade is that the present Hedge Contracts which were prescribed after the last war require to be radically changed, such handicaps in making reform at least by piece-meal discourage one and therefore I hope that Government will see their way not to delay sanction of such necessary reforms in the hedge contracts.

## CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

### Moderate Business

Calcutta: December 18.

The Stock Exchange ruled steady at the minimum prices fixed by the Committee and in some instances better prices were obtained and the volume of business was moderate.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Govt Securities: 3 per cent Govt Paper 79/12, 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 92/11, 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 92 s lot, 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 99/8 s lot, 4 per cent Loan 1960/79 108 s lot, 3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946 100/13, 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 108 s lot.

Bank: Imperial Bank Conty. 388.

Cottons: Basanti 5/4, Benares Cotton and Silk 5/2, Bengal Nagpur 18/6, Dunbar 239,

Coals: Bengal 372 s lot, Deoli 9/4, East Indian 16/4, North Damuda 5, Sendra 12/4.

Jutes: Angio-India 337, Barnagore 94, Belvedere 380, Birla 29/12, Chitavalsah 14/4, Delta 426/8 s lot, Dalhousie 326, Ft. Gloster 508, Ganges 298, Gourepore 681, Hooghly 67, Howrah 52/12, Hukumchand 12/6, India 343, Khardah 400, Kamarhatty 476 s lot, Kankinarrah 388, Kinnison 697, Lawrence 520 c-div, c rights, Lothian 240 s lot, New Central 304 National 22/9, Nuddea 58/4 ct s lot, Orient 177 s lot, Reliance 53/8 s lot, Union 488, Waverley 3/5.

Minings: Burma Corpn 3/12 ct, Indian Copper 2/1, Rhodesia Copper annas 11.

Eng. Companies: Bhartia Elec Steel 14/13 Braithwaite and Co 9/2, Britannia Building and Iron 11/4, National Iron and Steel 9/2, Steel Corpn Pref 114, Steel Products 4/10 s lot,

Miscellaneous: Assam Bengal Cement ord 13, Dalmia Cement Defd 3/8 s lot, Alkali and Chemical ord 20/12, B I Corpn ord 5, Calcutta Silk Manfg 8, Dunlop Rubber ord 41/4 ct, Indian Cables 22/4, British Burma Petroleum 2/8 ct, Mysore Paper 817/8 ct, Orient Paper ord 15/8, Titaghur ord 19/13, Midnapore Zemindary 68, India General Navigation ord 82.

Sugars: Balrampore 12/7, Champaran 19, Murree Brewery 15, New Savan 12/5, Purtabpore 11/2.

Debenture: 5 1/2 per cent 1938/53 Carew and Co. (1st mortgage) Debenture 105/8 ct.—A. P

## London Stock Exchange

London: December 18.

The Stock Exchange spent a quiet day mostly around the previous levels, apart from Tins, Rubbers and Teas, which continued dull and Gilt-edgeds which largely were 1/8th easier, with Indian Stock upto 3/4 lower. Among Industrials Home Rails were mainly steady, Oils little easier, South American Bonds, Kaffirs and Diamonds firmer, benefiting from some switching on from Eastern issues.

Australian Loans, Banks and Minings remained uncertain.—Reuter.

### 3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: December 18.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 5/8

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: December 18.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £81 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/8
New York Loan £101 3/16
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 36-6
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Princhin Johnson 21-4
Imperial Chemical 32-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary 58-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £70 1/2
Dundee 33-0
Unilever Ordinary 28-10
Ford Motors 24-5
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £66
British American Tobacco Ordinary £4 9/32
Carreas 'A' £5 9/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £5 5/16
P and O Defd 27-3
Distillers 71-6
Bredfords Dye 8-1
British Celanese 5-9
J and P Coates 37-1
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-7
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-9
Inter Nickel dol 40
Indian Iron 50

TEA SHARES

Assam 17-0
Donaro Tea 31-3
Empire of Inuia 19-4.

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 13-9
Gula Kelampong 12-6
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 20-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 17-5
Burma Corporation 4-9
Rio Tintos £7 1/2
East Rand Properties £2 7/32
Rand Mines £7

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold 68-1
Sub Nigel £7 5/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 7/32
Union Corporation 156-3

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 43-9
Burma Oil £2 1/4
Mexican Eagle 10-6
Shell Transport £2 7/16
Royal Dutch £19

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £16 3/4
London North Eastern Def. £1 9/16
London Southern Defd £14 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent £126
London Transport £41

## *WAR RISK INSURANCE RATE ENHANCED*

NEW DELHI, December 18.

The Central Government have decided that the rate of premium payable under any policy of insurance issued under the war risks (goods) insurance ordinance 1940, during the quarter beginning on the first of January, 1942, shall be raised to two annas per month or part of a month for each complete sum of Rs. 100 states a Press Communique.—A. P.

### SIND FIXES WHEAT PRICE.

KARACHI, Dec. 12.

The Sind Government has fixed the prices of wheat at Rs. 5-5, Rs. 5-8, and Rs. 5-11 per maund.

In the Sind Assembly to-day, Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier, announced that the Government would open cheap grain shops to sell to the public wheat and other necessary foodstuffs, if the merchants were found to sell them at prices higher than those fixed by the Government.—United Press.

## *COTTON:*

### LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York: December 18.

Previous closing .....16.76
To-day's opening .....16.77
Difference .....+1
To-day's closing .....not received
Difference .....nil

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May .....not received

### NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: December 18.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

New York cotton cable not received.
March (16.80/80) 16.79/77
May (16.96/98) 16.95/94
July (17.01/01) unquoted.

### LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: December 18.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 1/2 sellers) £20 1/2 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 9/16 sellers) £20 9/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£15 3/8 sellers) £15 3/8 sellers
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 1/4 sellers) £19 1/4 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin not quoted.
Electric Copper (£62) =62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh

## SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 18.

1078 cases whisky, 75 M/hds ale, 70 dms Cresyic acid, 279 cases boot polish, 90 c/s carbonate of ammonia, 250 dms pale cresylic acid, 62 bales cotton pcegoods, 67 cases art silk yarn, 500 dms coal pitch, 63 c/s books, 50 pcs surface boxes, 42 pcs fireclay sinks, 60 pcs earthenware lavatory basins, 35 bls blotting paper, 94 lse motor tyres and tubes, 30 rolls Linoleum, 191 dms creasote oil, 75 c/s Liver salt, 200 dms black Bitumastic solution, 780 D/bags rose nails, 840 bags Fuller's earth, 36 loose E'ware closets, 127 pcs Shank closets, 239 cases sewing ctn thread, 550 c/s safety fuse, 959 pcs San. earthenware.

EXPORTS

Bombay: December 18.

28 bales cotton pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 11 bls cotton pcegoods Aroon and Co; 200 bags soapstone powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 80 bls cotton pcegoods Vadilal Ltd; 122 bls cotton pcegoods G Ab Yaffi; 227 bls cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 50 bls cotton pcegoods Keshavji Virji and Co; 183 bls cotton pcegoods K H Hilal; 100 bls cotton yarn G Ab Yaffi; 25 bls cotton grey yarn E Forina; 18 bls cotton pcegoods M A Mullick and Co; 68 bls cotton pcegoods Raiji Bros Ltd; 50 bls cotton waste clean L O Vora; 40 bls cotton grey yarn R Shantilal and Co; 33 bls cotton pcegoods R Shantilal and Co; 233 bls cotton pcegoods D Abraham and Sons.

## *EXCHANGES:*

### CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: December 18.

Previous closing .....4.03 3/4
To-day's opening .....4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: December 18.

Previous closing .....4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening .....4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/8
To-day's closing .....4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

### LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London: December 18.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER

London: December 18.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 9/16d +1/16

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-c) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay: December 18.

There was no trading during the night session.

## *New York Stock Exchange*

New York: December 18.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors (dol 30 7/8) dol 30
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 1/2) dol 25 3/8
United States Steel Common (dol 51 1/4) dol 50 1/2
United States Steel Pref (dol 115) unquoted.

## *RETAIL PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS*

The following are fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 19th inst.:—

| Article. | Per Paylee |
|---|---|
| Rice Country Jirasal: | |
| (Bhiwandi) No 1 quality | As. 15 0 to 15 9 |
| (Bhiwandi) No. 2 quality | As 13 9 to 14 6 |
| (Bhiwandi) No 3 quality | As 12 9 to 13 6 |
| Patni | As. 9 0 to 9 9 |
| | Rs. a.p. |
| Jowar Sholapur Yellow | 0 5 6 |
| Bajri Cawnpore No. 1 | 0 6 3 |
| Bajri Kalpi Ordinary | 0 6 3 |
| Gram Banda | 0 6 6 |
| Gram Shahapura | 0 8 3 |
| Turdal Cawnpore Dry | 0 9 6 |
| Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior) | 0 13 6 |
| Masur Dal Superior | 0 8 9 |
| Chana Dal No. 1 | 0 8 6 |
| | Per lb. |
| Ghee Hatras | 0 14 0 |
| Ghee Porbunder | 1 0 0 |
| Til Oil | 0 3 9 |
| Cocoanut Oil | 0 3 3 |
| Groundnut Oil | 0 3 0 |
| Indian Sugar | 0 2 9 |
| | 2 boxes |
| Wimco Matches 40 sticks | 0 0 9 |
| Wimco Matches 60 sticks | 0 1 0 |
| Wimco Matches 50 sticks | 0 1 0 |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# On The Air

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

### Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 Kallan Qawwal and Party. 5-15 Kamleshwari Devi. 5-30 Mohammad Husain. 5-45 Gauhar Sultan. 5-15 Ustad Ahmad Jan Thirikwa: Tabla. 6-30 Poetry of the Thumris: Talk in Hindustani. 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Sarangi. 7-50 Gauhar Sultan. 8 Ustad Faiyaz Khan. 8-15 For the Universities: Talk. 8-30 Kamleshwari Devi. 8-45 Ustad Ahmad Jan Thirikwa: Tabla 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Manohar: Recitation. 9-50 Adana on Clarionet. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from B B C. 10 Kallan Qawwal and Party. 10-20 to 10-45 Ustad Faiyaz Khan.

### Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Thumri on Clarionet. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-26 Abdul Rehman and Party. 8-40 P. S. Dikshit. 8-50 News in Marathi 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Indumati Chaubal. 9-25 Gujarati Geets. 9-40 Master Ratnakant. 12-30 p.m. Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Musical Variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 5-0 To-morrow. 5-15 K. D. Tatke. 5-25 P. S. Dikshit. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Adeel. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 D. Dani: Recitation of Gujarati poems. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's Happy Half Hour. 7 Berlinchya Batmya: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 World Affairs: B B C relay. 7-30 Indumati Chaubal. 7-45 News commentary in Gujarati. 7-50 Abdul Rehman and Party. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sarangi recital. 8-45 Newsgram. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary 9-55 Listening Post: Exam. of points in daily German propaganda. 10 Indumati Chaubal. 10-10 Abdul Rehman and Party. 10-25 Chandra Bai Jambolikar

### Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Chandra Bai Jambolikar, 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1 8-50 Kabirdasji Bhajan. 9 Jaltarang solo. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Shanker Rao Biniwale: Violin. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Chandra Bai Jambolikar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-10 P. S. Dikshit. 9-20 Chandra Bai Jambolikar. 9-30 Luise Vajid Mahmood: Pianoforte. 9-50 Hamish Craigie: Tenor. 10 Julia Wortmann, Soprano. 10-10 Melody Trio. 10-20 Gretel Sommer: Violin. 10-35 Raghbir Singh: Clarionet.

STALIN'S BIRTHDAY BROADCAST—In honour of the birthday of the Russian Leader, Joseph Stalin, the Bombay Station of All-India Radio will rebroadcast on Sunday (21st instant) from 7-15 to 8 p.m. on 244 and 89.15 metres a concert of Russian music including that of the famous Russian composer Prokofiev, from London. The programme will also include the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra Chorus conducted by Sir Henry Wood.


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# BOMBAY & SUBURBS

## LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Paush Sud 1, 1998
Muslim: Jilkad 29, 1360
Parsi: Tir: 16, 1311
Sunrise: 7h. 5m.; Sunset: 6h. 6m.
Hightide: 0h. 28m.; 12h. 18m
Lowtide: 6h. 31m.; 18h. 24m.

KHALSA COLLEGE: The fifth annual social gathering of the Khalsa College will be held to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan will preside, address and distribute the prizes.

A.R.P. RESCUE WORK: Under the auspices of Lokmanya Seva Sangh, Parle, Mr. J. A. S. Manson, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Thana, will deliver a lecture on A.R.P. rescue work, to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. in Tilak Mandir.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MAHIM: Mr. Y.A. Gole, Ambulance Officer, will speak on 1st Aid (Short Course for Warden) to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. at the St. Michael's High School, Mahim. All wardens are requested to attend. Mr. H. A. Fazelbhoy will preside.

BOM. KERALEEYA SAMAJ: The adjourned half-yearly meeting of the above Samaj will be held on Sunday, the 21st inst. at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at King George English School, Hindu Colony, Dadar.

AKHIL DESHASTHA RIGVEDI BRAHMAN MADHYAWARTI MANDAL: Under the auspices of the above Mandal a function to congratulate the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney will be held to-day (Friday) at 8-30 p.m. at the newly-built Laxminarayan Baug of the Mandal at 'Y' Road, Dadar.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: A public debate, viz: "Cinemas lead to moral decay" will be the subject of a public debate in Urdu in the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. Miss Mary Boman will preside. Mr. G. A. Mouivi will propose and Mr. Mahomed Hasan will oppose.

FINE ART EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION: This will be held at the Hume High School, Byculla. Demonstration by Mr. D. B. Jog, at 4-15 p.m. to-day (Friday) on "Animal Modelling in Clay." Talk by Mr. S. D. Chavada, on "Design and Composition". Dr. G. S. Krishnayya will preside.

GOKHALE EDUCATION SOCIETY: The 29th social gathering and prize distribution of the Society's Dharamsey Govindji Thackersey High School will be held to-day (Friday) at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall. Mr. H. V. Hampton, Principal, Secondary Training College, Bombay, will preside and Mrs. Hampton will distribute the prizes.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 15 tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the Junction of Tripartite Road and Sewri New Road and go round with them in the Ward.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public study class on the subject of "The Sevenfold Man" from "The Ocean of Theosophy" by W. Q. Judge, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

STUDENTS' ANTI-PENTANGULAR COMMITTEE:

Mr. Lalu Shah writes:—The picketing at the Brabourne Stadium will be resumed from to-day (Friday). Volunteers are requested to present themselves near Purohit's Restaurant (Churchgate St.), at 9 a.m.

## Farewell To Sir M. B. Nanavati

Under the auspices of the All-India and Bombay Reserve Bank Employees' Association, a farewell function was arranged in honour of Sir Manilal B. Nanavati, the retiring Deputy Governor of the Bank at the Bank's Counter Section on Thursday evening, when Mr. Gordandas Morarji presided.

Mr. C. D. Deshmuk, the new Deputy Governor, and the retiring Deputy Governor were profusely garlanded.

## Ninety Indians From Shanghai In Manila

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.

Ninety Indian Nationals evacuated from Shanghai have arrived in Manila on the "Anhui" and are being looked after there, according to reports received here.

It is learned that some 500 Indians originally expressed their intention to be evacuated but subsequently all except ninety withdrew and elected to stay on in Shanghai.—A. P.

### ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE.

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 17.

Agreeing with the assessors' unanimous verdict that the accused was not guilty, and disbelieving the prosecution witnesses' evidence, Mr. K. T. Mangalmurti, I.C.S., Sessions Judge, Khandwa, acquitted Abdulkadir, accused in the Punjab Mail Murder Case.

It will be recalled that the accused was arrested on the charge of causing the death of Mr. F. R. Rustomji, a Parsi salesman of Bombay, while he was travelling from to Bhopal, between Jalgaon and Itarsee on the night of June 26.—A. P.

## AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Mr. and Mrs. Smith". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Moon Over Miami" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Mata Hari" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Uday Shanker. To-day 10 p.m. only.
NEW EMPIRE—"Our Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai-Roshni". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu". Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Sajjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Himmat". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"The Birth of a Baby". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Bandhan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"The Great Lie." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Ummed". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

M.I.B. BALL TOURNEY: The final of the Mustan Inter-Basket Ball Tournament conducted by the Bombay Y.M.C.A. at the Mustan Shah Baugh Municipal Playground, between the Mustan Shah Baugh team and the Willingdon Memorial Playgrounnd will be played at the Mustan Shah Baugh Playgrounnd to-day (Friday) at 5-15 p.m. Col. A. J. Ransford will preside and Mrs. Ransford will give away the trophy to the winning team.

## BRUNNERS PAINT INDIA

### A Delightful Show

Mrs. Sass Brunner and Miss Elizabeth Brunner, the two Hungarian artists, are not strangers to Bombay. Since they held their first exhibition in the city in 1932 they have travelled extensively in and outside India and have, at their present exhibition at the Town Hall, added considerably to their collection of paintings. The artists have been deeply impressed with Nature's beauty in and with the colourful rural life of India and have successfully undertaken to represent the same through their paintings. India is, therefore, conspicuous in the exhibition by a large number and variety of exhibits. The richness and brightness of colours, clarity and precision of delineation and variations of technique in the paintings of some subjects, which are the leading features of the exhibition, do not fail to arrest the attention of the visitor.

Mrs. Brunner has a preference for imaginative and symbolical subjects, natural scenes, architectural beauty of the ancient temple and the village-life of India, and invests her paintings with strong spiritual fervour. Her symbolical paintings form a distinct variety. Some of her landscapes, which portray the beauty of flowers and foliage, are delightful symphonies of colours. The views of the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas under the effect of sunlight at the different hours of the day, a series of the paintings of the "Amarnath Cave" and of the approaches and surroundings, the "Dwarkadhish Temple" at Dwarka and the "Sun-Temple" at Modhera and the scenes of the villages of Rajputana and Gujarat are, among others, illustrative of the vigour and vitality of the art of Mrs. Brunner.

Miss Brunner's speciality appears to be portraiture, though she is equally at home in whatever she paints. The portraits of some of the celebrities, which are on view, reflect her capacity to catch the expressions of her subjects. Another group of her exhibits comprises paintings of some racial types which form interesting ethnographical studies. The exhibition, which presents 250 exhibits including some Hungarian and Italian scenes, is well-worth a visit.

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## 'Three Arts' Reception To Kapurthala

The Three Arts Circle gave a reception to His Highness the Maharaja of Kapurthala, at the Taj on Thursday evening. Prominent among the guests were their Highnesses the Nawab and the Begum Saheba of Palanpur.

Atiya Begum welcoming His Highness regretted that Indian art and culture had been allowed to decay due to lack of support.

A very entertaining programme of songs and dances was arranged which was thoroughly enjoyed.

# SUIT AGAINST TURF CLUB

## Judgment Reserved

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somjee)

Camilie A. J. Lobo ..... Plaintiff.

v.

The Royal Western India Turf Club Ltd. & Others ..... Defendants.

The hearing of the suit filed by the Plaintiff, a Forest Expert and Journalist who had written several articles criticising the policy of Racing Clubs in India in respect of the ban imposed upon him by the Defendants was concluded yesterday after a protracted hearing lasting over a fortnight.

The suit had been filed by the Plaintiff for a declaration that he was entitled to go upon a certain open-piece or low-lying land inside the race-track which had been dedicated by the Municipality as a recreation ground for the pubic except on race days, and for another declaration that as a member of the public, he had a right to attend all Race Meetings on payment of the charges fixed. The Plaintiff also claimed Rs. 25,000 as damages in respect of his exclusion from both those places.

Resuming his address to the Court, Mr. Kolah submitted that the unreported judgment of Mr. Justice Chaudhari of the Calcutta High Court delivered on 3rd August 1916 in the case of Nagendra Nath Dey vs. Sir Allen Arthur and Others (Suit No. 1298 of 1915) relied on by the Advocate-General had no application to the present case as it was clearly distinguishable. Mr. Kolah then referred to the unreported decision of the Privy Council in 1937 in the case of Naylor vs. Stevens in support of the proposition that even when the exclusion of a person was justified by the Rules of a particular Racing Club, that person could only be excluded if he was undesirable in respect of something connected with racing and not on any grounds personal or otherwise external to racing. Mr. Kolah argued that in the present case, the journalistic activities of the Plaintiff were something personal to him which could not form the basis of his exclusion from all places under the control of the Turf Club.

His Lordship has reserved judgment (C.A.V) in the case.

Mr. R J Kolah with Mr. J H Vakeel instructed by Messrs. Eastley Lam and Co. appeared for the Plaintiff.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M C Setalvad, with Mr. F J Coltman, Mr. N P Engineer and Mr. Y B Rege instructed by Messrs. Cragie Blunt and Caroe appeared for the Defendants.

Mr. Kolah addressed His Lordship on behalf of the Plaintiff. He stated that the whole trouble arose from the imposition of the ban on the Plaintiff warning him off all places under the control of the Turf Club and that therefore the most important document to be considered at the very outset was the latter dated 18th February 1941 intimating to the Plaintiff that a ban had been imposed upon him. Counsel stated that no permission from the Club was necessary in order to go upon the open piece of land inside the Race Track which had been dedicated to the public and that when on 19th March 1941 the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Club (Defendants 7 and 8) prevented the Plaintiff from remaining on this land, which had been dedicated to the public, on a day which was not a race-day they exceeded their authority. Counsel then went on to state that this ban gave rise to two reliefs,—first with regard to exclusion from the dedicated land and secondly with regard to exclusion from Race Meetings. The first relief was based on dedication and in the alternative on the express agreement between the predecessors-in-title of the present Turf Club (the former unincorporated club) and the Municipality to maintain it as a public recreation ground except on race days,—under which agreement the Plaintiff as a member of the public was a cestui que trust. Counsel then submitted that a dedication to the public "in the city of Bombay" was not the same as to the public "residing in the city of Bombay" because the former phrase which had been used in this case would entitle even a person residing outside Bombay but temporarily coming to Bombay, like the Plaintiff who lives in the suburbs, to take advantage of this recreation ground. Counsel then read out to His Lordship the material portions of the pleadings and submitted that the suit as framed was maintainable. Counsel further submitted that just because the rules to be framed for this recreation ground had not been drafted did not mean that the dedication had not come into effect.

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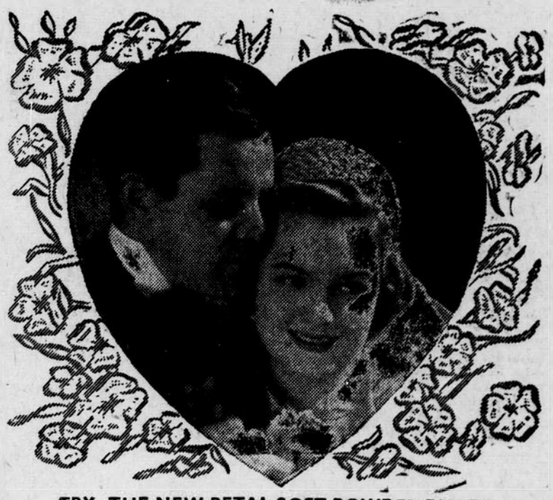

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# THE ROOT CAUSE

The tributes paid by Mr. Amery and Lord Linlithgow to the splendid heroism of Indian troops in various theatres of war are fully deserved. But the more pertinent question is whether the Indian army is large enough to serve the present needs Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Head of the Indian Purchasing Commission in America, is reported to have remarked that the total number of men under army in India was only 1,000,000 but we could increase the number to four or five million men if the United States could supply certain essential requirements. That makes one feel that the higher number is necessary but just at present the essential requirements are lacking. Are Government making due attempts to recruit the additional number of men as fast as the essential supplies may be expected from America? It will not do for Mr. Amery only to say that "for the first time in history India has been directly menaced from every quarter and from every element, on land, sea and in the air". It is not even enough to say that everything is being done to face every menace. It is necessary to publish facts and figures to convince the people that what is assumed to be done is really done or being done.

## *Make Amends*

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, a member of the National Defence Council, said the other day that the people should take it for granted that the Government was not sleeping and that they could feel assured that there would be enough planes and guns. Taking things for granted does not induce true confidence. According to Reuter's message, the reports of deficiencies in Malaya, where Empire forces have been preparing to resist aggression for two years, came as a profound shock to men in Australia. India, too, is asking questions. Government must convince the people that they are sufficiently awake to "the menace from every quarter and from every element." Are a sufficient number of educated Indians being trained as officers? We regret we cannot answer in the affirmative this and other like questions that are likely to arise. This is not the occasion to rake up past blunders. But now at least Government can make amends by increasing the number of University Training Corps and giving them better training, instead of seeking to put the blame on the people with the plea that adequate suitable material is not available for recruitment to the commissioned ranks. The Annamalai University tried some time back to form a Training Corps but the authorities would not help, saying that it was difficult to obtain equipment such as rifles. It is impossible to accept such an excuse. One million men are being or have been fully equipped in the Army, and India is known to have supplied rifles to other allied armies. Is it possible that rifles cannot be found for two to three hundred men in the University?

## *Establish National Government*

The numerical deficiencies in the Navy and Air Force are greater, considering the vastness of the country and the menace from every side. Why are the exact figures about these being withheld from the public? And to say that the real cause of the deficiencies is that the people are not sufficiently sea-minded or air-minded is, as we have often had to remark, to add insult to injury. The real root cause of our military deficiencies is that the men who control these departments and administration in general are not Indian and not being responsible to the elected representatives of the people do not enjoy the same confidence of the latter that those in charge of similar departments in self-governing countries do. In every free country the Defence is controlled by its own nationals. India is an exception and has to suffer for it. We admit that since the war began, much has been done to increase the strength of Indian armed forces, but considering the needs of the present and the immediate future the pace of progress has not been as rapid as it could be if a truly National Government were in power. Not only in India's interests but also in those of Britain, no time should, therefore, be lost in bringing such a Government into being.

# Bold Sweep

With a bold sweep, the United States' Government have completely overhauled their Pacific defence commands. Admiral Kimmel has been relieved of the Command of the Pacific Fleet and will be replaced by Rear-Admiral Chester V. Nimitz, who has been working as Chief of Navy Department Bureau of Navigation. Lt.-General Short is to replace Lt.-General Emmons as the Commander-in-Chief of the Hawaiian Department while Lt.-General Tinker will take over charge of the Hawaii Air Force from Major-General Frederick L. Martin. This is a prelude to the searching investigation ordered by the President into the unpreparedness of the Pacific Fleet and bases.

In a statement the Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, said that he concurred in the preliminary reports by Col. Knox regarding the apparent unpreparedness of the army and the navy forces in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on December 7. A War Department announcement says the changes in the Command of the Hawaiian Department were made to expedite reorganisation of the Island's defences, adding that 'this action avoids a situation where officials charged with responsibility for the future security of this vital naval base would otherwise, at this critical hour, also, be involved in the searching investigation ordered by the President". This is a most important step the implications of which are far-reaching. On the one hand, it denotes the determination, on the part of the United States' Government to tolerate no laxity in their defence measures in the Pacific. On the other hand, it indicates a grim determination to wage the Pacific war to a successful conclusion.

# Menaka's Dance Academy

Nrityalayam—a dance academy—which is located at Khandala near Bombay deserves liberal patronage of the Government and the public, because it is founded by Menaka with the sole object of providing a centre of thorough and systematic training in the classical dance of India. Its prospectus, which is just issued, shows that the institution has been organised on a sound basis and has art-minded and capable persons as its patrons and members of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee. The institution has been provisionally recognised, for one year, by the Government of Bombay as a special school. Menaka is well-known as a pioneer of dance-revival and as an able exponent of that art. She was first to bring the classical dance on the modern stage of India and ultimately won for it the unique distinction of international recognition. She has appraised the true values of the different styles of the classical dance and exploits each of them for what it is worth for the purposes of composing new dances and ballets. She deserves credit for rescuing, from oblivion, and asserting the classical nature of, the Kathak technique.

"Malavikagivmitram", which is a balletised version of the immortal play of the same title by Kalidas, is a creditable achievement of Menaka and Nrityalayam. It represents the first and successful endeavour to interpret a complete classical drama in the language of dance and, therefore, constitutes distinct progress made by the dance-art of India in recent years. Nrityalayam is the product of Menaka's personal sacrifice and devout and patient labours. It is the realisation of her dreams and her high ideals of art. It has, on its staff, able and experienced teachers and imparts training in the different syles of dance, music and other allied arts. The course of training extends over four years.

# Frankly Speaking

## No, Thanks

After damning Mr. Rajagopalachari's Lucknow speech with faint praise Dr. E. Raghavendra Rao, member of the Viceroy's Council for Civil Defence, is reported to have remarked that if the policy indicated in that speech is accepted by the Congress, he sees "no objection to Congressmen being re-offered the opportunity of entering the Executive Council of the Viceroy." "Reoffer" suggests the old offer of the Viceroy. Dr. Raghavendra Rao, who seems to have picked up the superior manner of the bureaucrat quite soon, may think the renewal of the offer to be gracious. But he might have known Congressmen better than to suppose that they were anxious or even willing to become like him, mere advisers to the Viceroy.

## From Russia To Africa?

According to neutral military observers quoted in a dispatch to the Vichy News Agency, the German High Command is planning to send a number of troops from Russia to reinforce General Rommel's Afrika Corps in Libya. The troops, it is further stated, would include 'Panzer' units at present immobilised by winter on the Eastern Front. This, if true, means the recognition by Hitler of the failure of his Russian adventure and of the desperate Axis position in Libya where the British forces are steadily pushing ahead. German war material intended for Africa is already being conveyed across the Franco-Spanish Frontier with the connivance of Vichy. But it is a moot point how far the Nazis will be able to disengage their troops from the Russian entanglements. Now that the initiative has largely passed to the Russians, this will be by no means an easy task. The transportation of 'Panzer' units over such a long distance cannot be achieved easily, much less speedily. Hitler's juggernauts of war may be deadly but they cannot fly over from Russia to Africa.

## Soviet Russia And Japan

At the Grand Soviet War Council, which met at the Kremlin recently, the question of declaring war against Japan was considered. This shows that if at all Russia delays action against Japan, it is only due to strategic and practical reasons and not because of any mistaken notions of neutrality. Between Soviet Russia and a member of the Anti-Comintern Axis there can be no neutrality and no permanent peace. If Japan has refrained from attacking Russia simultaneously with Britain and America, it is only to avoid getting involved on too many fronts. Otherwise, the Japanese militarists have always entertained feelings of hostility for the Soviet Republic and the innumerable "incidents" on the Manchukuo border have often brought the two countries on the verge of war. The Soviet leaders are, therefore, not unaware of Japan's real intentions and will not be fooled by any hypocritical sentiments of friendship and non-aggression that Japanese spokesmen may, out of necessity, utter now. The Grand War Council has surveyed the industrial and military possibilities of the Two-Front War and considered what naval and air strength Vladivostok could contribute to an early knocking out of Japan. Now it is for M. Stalin to take a decision after considering all this evidence. And one can be sure that his decision will be dictated as much by considerations of the safety of the Soviet State as by a desire to see the speedy end of the Axis powers.

## Bargaining?

Scotchmen are well-known as being among the world's best bargainers. They have seen to it that in the distribution of offices in Great Britain they have the best of the bargain. One is not a little amused, therefore, at the "Scotsman" scenting a spirit of bargaining in the Congress demand for freedom. If there is bargaining in this, Lord Linlithgow has long been party to it. Only, like the Scotchman that he is, he is trying to get everything and give little or nothing. Indians may not be good bargainers but they will not be fooled. They do not mind learning from Englishmen and Scotchmen the lesson of demanding "grievances first."

## A. R. P. And The Public

The reported complete failure of the A.R.P. test in Calcutta shows that such measures need considerable practice, with full co-operation between Government and the public. It appears that so far there has been some laxity on either side. But the situation in the city now is such that any further laxity will be indefensible. In Bombay the danger may not be quite so imminent as in Calcutta. But in a case where the lives and property of tens of thousands are at stake and where vast crowds are to be taught to be disciplined, it will not do for the people to start learning precautionary measures when danger is right on them. It is deplorable that in such a matter which is essentially humanitarian, a particular kind of first aid on a large scale, the Congress Party in the Municipal Corporation should have committed that body to a policy of dangerous delays. And that such a thing should be done in the name of non-violence is, to our mind, a *reductio ad absurdum* of a great principle. It is quite true that Government's A.R.P., measures leave much to be desired. They may amount to mere tinkering with the problem. If that means that a great deal more should have been done, those who say so cannot consistently seek to frustrate even the little that Government are doing.

### CONVERSATION

*'The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard.*

—HAZLITT, *ESSAYS*

# COMMANDEER ALL NEWSPRINT

## Editors' Conference Appeal To Govt.

### PRESS MUST KEEP UP PUBLIC MORALE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, URGES HYDARI

CALCUTTA, December 18.

**The necessity of commandeering by Government all available stocks of newsprint, either in the form of reels or sheets held by the dealers, in view of the uncertainities in the arrival of shipments and of taking early steps to distribute the same to such newspapers as were in urgent need of it, in proportion to the quotas already allotted to them at such rate as the Government might find reasonable, was stressed by a resolution adopted by the Standing Committee of the Newspaper Editors' Conference at its concluding session held to-day at the Statesman House.**

**Mr. K Srinivasan, President of the Conference, was in the Chair.**

The Committee also urged that "in view of the fact that dealers of produce of Indian paper mills were profiteering heavily," the Government be requested to order the mills to reserve a reasonable percentage of their output for the exclusive use of newspapers and sell direct to them at the officially fixed rate, in proportion to the quotas allotted to them.

The resolution was moved and seconded by Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta and Mr. F. W. Bustin, respectively.

'HINDUSTAN TIMES' CASE.

The Standing Committee considered the proceedings in the "Hindustan Times" contempt case and the Judgment delivered in this regard by the Allahabad High Court, and expressed the opinion that the present state of law and procedure in certain class of contempt cases was "extremely unsatisfactory" in that it permitted a judge against whom contempt was alleged, to become both prosecutor and judge.

It was necessary, therefore, the Committee emphasised to amend the law, so that accused persons in such cases were not tried by the same court as the one to which the alleged contempt referred.

TRIBUTE TO DEVADAS GANDHI

A Sub-Committee, consisting of five members to be nominated by the President of the Conference, was formed at the meeting to consider what practical steps should be taken by the committee to give effect to this resolution, which was moved, seconded and supported by Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Mr. Francis Low and Mr. Arthur Moore, respectively. A resolution, recording the appreciation of the committee of the view taken by Mr. Devadas Gandhi in electing to go to jail himself when the option of fine was not given to Mr. R. L. Singhal, the Meerut Correspondent of the 'Hindustan Times' was also accepted at the meeting. The Committee was glad to learn that the Government of United Provinces had accepted the suggestion of the Goodwill Mission sent on behalf of the Newspaper Editors' Conference to increase the size of the Provincial Press Advisory Committee there, and bring its procedure into line with those of Bombay and Madras. The Committee, however, regretted that the suggestion to improve the atmosphere for the effective functioning of the Press Advisory Committee by withdrawing the security orders had not been accepted by the U.P. Government in the cases of 'Sainik' and the 'National Herald'. The President of the Conference was authorised to take necessary action in this respect.

Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta was the mover of the resolution on the matter, which was seconded by Mr. C. S. Rangaswami.

On a resolution moved and seconded by Mr. Suresh Chandra Majumdar and Mr. K. Rama Rao, respectively, the Committee decided to ask the Controller of Imports to consult the Central Press Advisory Committees regarding matters relating to import of newsprint and in dealing with applications of newspapers in this respect.

Some by-laws to the constitution of the Conference, regarding annual election of the President and the office bearers and the members of the Standing Committee were also passed at the meeting.

Mr. Tushar Kanti Khosh submitted the annual report of the Bengal Press Advisory Committee for the year 1940-41 at the meeting, which was adopted.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the management of the 'Statesman' for the Standing Committee to hold its meeting in their building.

### *HYDARI ADDRESSES EDITORS*

The Rt. Hon. Sir Akbar Hydari, Member-in-Charge of the Information and Broadcasting Department, met the Standing Committee of the Newspaper Editors' Conference in the 'Statesman' House this morning.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, President of the Newspaper Editors, Conference, welcoming Sir Akbar, expressed the gratitude of the conference for accepting their invitation and coming to Calcutta and meeting them. He hoped that the precedent, which Sir Akbar had established to-day, would be continued for all time to come. It was most essential, said Mr. Srinivasan, that personal contact and good relations should exist between the Press in India and the Head of the Information Department.

SIR AKBAR'S SPEECH

Sir Akbar, in thanking the Conference said: "As I rise to speak to you to-day, my gratification at the privilege of being the first Information Member of the Government of India to address a gathering of the leading editors of India, is tempered with the realisation of the heavy responsibility which lies upon you and me alike at this crisis in human affairs. At such a time, you will expect from me, not a detailed discourse on domestic Press matters, but rather a statement of my attitude towards some of those general questions with regard to which you have to guide the public mind. I need not, therefore, apologize further for putting before you certain convictions which are part of my very being.

JAPANESE MENACE

"Japan's entry into the war must have put an end to any doubts which may have lingered in some minds as to India's vital interest in the result of the present war. Up to the 8th December, there may have been some who felt that the war was remote and that India could remain a detached spectator of a grim contest between two rival systems of world policy. I did not share this view then, nor do I now believe that it was ever well founded; but we all know that it was held by some Indians of undoubted patriotism and integrity."

WAR MENACE TO INDIA

"To-day, however the last lingering, reasonable doubt must have been swept away. India which for nearly 200 years has been able to view international commotion with unconcern, is now a potential target for the forces of Japan. Every Indian to-day knows that, whether he likes it or not, this is India's war as well as America's or China's or anybody else's war; he knows too, that India dare not lose, and that in the parcelling out of the world which would result from an Axis victory, India would be allotted to the ruthless and aggressive Japanese.

It is perhaps worth remembering that by the capitulation of Thailand, Japan has been brought to the threshold of Burma and that but for the separation of Burma from India, we should today have had to announce that enemy forces had reached the boundaries of India. This does not mean that there is undue cause for alarm, but it does mean that the war has now become, beyond all dispute, a serious practical business for each one of us.

FUNCTION OF FREE PRESS

At such a time it is to you, as the leaders of public opinion, that India will look for guidance. Your influence, great in peace time, will now be magnified many times and the steadiness and soundness of Indian opinion will largely depend on your success in avoiding optimism and over-confidence on the one hand, and pessimism and defeatism on the other. This will not be an easy task in the days ahead, when accurate news of momentous events may sometimes be slow in coming and when it may often be difficult to assess the importance of either successes or defeats. It is one of the main functions of a free press to keep up the public morale in times of trouble. This means that the Press must tell the truth, whether it be good or bad. But it also means that we must not put such emphasis on temporary reverses as to obscure the solid reasons for believing in the certainty of ultimate victory".

"It is true, for example, that Japan has scored some initial successes: But it is also true that oil, scrap iron, pig iron, steel, bauxite and all the main essentials of modern warfare Japan is dependent upon an outside world from which she can no longer get supplies. It is also true that the Axis Powers have against them four-fifths of the inhabitants of the globe and a very large proportion of the world's material resources. It rests with you, gentlemen, to see that these facts are presented in due proportion, so that the public is assisted to preserve a balanced judgment in the midst of the confusing events around us.

ASSURANCE TO EDITORS

On me too, as member for information, rests a heavy responsibility. Much of the news which you, as Editors, have to interpret to the public comes to you through my department. I can assure you that we shall, in the future as in the past, be scrupulous purveyors of truth—you are entitled to expect that from us and we shall not fail you. This responsibility lies particularly heavily on me as a member of the Viceroy's first expanded Executive Council.

GO BY RESULTS

Much has been said about the expansion of the Executive Council, and it has been argued that the expansion is of no value, because the Council is not responsible, in the technical sense, to the people. The usefulness or otherwise of the present Executive Council will, in the last resort, depend on the character and personalities of us who compose it. I would ask you, therefore, as leaders of public opinion, to wait and judge by results rather than by forms and technicalities. If you find in the course of time that the new Executive Council is leading India towards the fulfilment of her aspirations, do not reject it, merely because you do not like the circumstances of its origin.

You will, I think, be very wide of the mark, if you undervalue the influence of the majority in the Council, in regard to any important decision, which, of course, includes questions within the portfolio of any member of the Council, whether European or Indian.

Let us then accept the fact, that whatever the theory may be, the expansion of the Viceroy's Council does mean a real advance towards that goal of complete self-government, which we are all determined to attain in the not distant future.

I need not remind you of the great respect which was entertained for the Japanese, but unfortunately for us, they have been false to the spirit of the east and have dedicated themselves to the service of materialism and chauvinism. Is there not here a lesson for us? Let us take heed, lest we become so absorbed in bargaining and counting gains and losses that we lose our souls in the process.

WORK FOR UNITY.

I speak of bargaining and counting gains and losses. Perhaps I am not probing deep enough; perhaps I should rather say that much of our trouble in India, today arises from dwelling too much on our disagreements. Indians or Europeans, Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs, Parsis or Christians, we are perhaps all too much concerned to see how our interests and our views differ from those of other communities and how, therefore, we need special protection. Life is not entirely made up of disagreements and differences. We are faced at the moment with an enemy who would end all our differences by reducing us to a common level of slavery. Need we wait for defeat to find what we have in common? We are fully conscious of our points of differences. May I appeal to you, the editors of India, to concentrate for the next six months on finding the points of agreement rather than disagreement between the different communities of this country? It is not difficult to suggest some of the points of agreement.

Every single community in India to-day believes in rational liberty. How long would it last under Axis rule?

Then, again, every one of us believes in self-Government for India. However great may be the difference between Moslem League, Congress, Hindu Mahasabha and other political bodies, is not this belief a great bond of union?

Have we not also the link of a common pride in the great glories of a culture which has long held the admiration of the whole world?

In all these matters there is no difference or disagreement between us—why then need we dwell so much on our points of difference?

Gentlemen, I appeal to you. If you cannot forget our internal differences, I appeal to you to let them stand over the present, whether they be between India and Britain or between Hindus and Moslems, postpone them. We will stand for a certain way of life which is now threatened by the advocates of brute force and materialism. In the face of that threat, I would say to those of you who for political reasons may have been lukewarm in your support of the war—abandon your attitude of benevolent neutrality, for there can be no neutrality now that we are face to face with danger and with evil."

### *SRINIVASAN PLEADS FOR GOVT. GESTURE*

Mr. K. Srinivasan in the course of his speech thanking Sir Akbar Hydari said:

"Sir Akbar, in his very interesting speech, has touched on matters not ordinarily dealt with by the conference. He has spoken, on the basis of his first-hand experience of the expanded Executive Council, of the value and significance of the step taken by H. E. the Viceroy which has resulted in the presence of a majority of Indians in the Executive Council. We are glad that he feels so optimistic about the potentialities of the expanded Council. But the very success which he claims has been achieved in the last few months should be strong argument in favour of a complete nationalisation of the administration. It is not so much a question of Indians and Europeans holding charge of a particular portfolio as of doing something big which could strike the imagination of the country as a whole as inspired by courageous and clear-headed statesmanship. Calcutta alone we have just been told requires 60,000 volunteers for A. R. P. work.

*I have no doubt myself, nor any one else, may I add, at this meeting, that the youth of India will come forward in tens of thousands as volunteers in a struggle for the freedom of the world.*

*That freedom, they will naturally expect, includes that of India also.*

*Would it not be wise in the circumstances, to make that clear beyond doubt or dispute?*

PLEA FOR GOVT. GESTURE

The August offer on which so much emphasis is constantly laid by men in authority has not serv-

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# TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

**"It is no use supposing that the deadlock will be overcome by the Viceroy's appeal to India to solve her own domestic difficulties. Even more ludicrous is the illusion that the influence of the Congress Party is rapidly becoming negligible. At the only free elections under the new constitution the Congress won a majority in most provinces. To pretend that India is united behind the Viceroy's present policy is the most pitiful of follies."**

—"Evening Standard" (London).

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*We have at last discovered the not-so-secret weapon of Japan.*

*It is a simple device by which you can bomb any distant place like Rangoon simply by issuing a press despatch through the Domei Agency.*

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**"I am not very much interested", says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, "in the repeated performances of Mr. Amery."**

**He may not be very much interested. But can he honestly deny that he is very much amused?**

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Parts of Japan have experienced "the largest earthquake since 1930."

Nature hits back—on behalf of the A. B. C. D. Powers.

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**Bombay is threatened with an epidemic of beards—if the prices of safety razor blades keep on soaring at the present rate!**

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The Junior colleague wants to know: Has the Viceroy closed the door to negotiations with Congress because the war is at India's door-step?

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**Now that Japan has landed troops in Borneo as well as Malaya, where will Hollywood and Dorothy Lamour go for jungle-amour?**

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Speaking in the Corporation, Mr. A. P. Sabawala asked the Congress to visualise as to what would happen if the Japanese or the Germans won the war.

For Congressmen it should not be difficult. In fact any Indian can visualise it without taxing his imagination!

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"Fifty per cent of the cyclists are fools", says the Coroner.

In our opinion, however, "Fifty per cent of the cyclists are not fools"!

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**TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS**

**(1) There was a serious clash between Parsis and Europeans in the city in which (brick) bats and balls were freely exchanged but the Europeans got the worst of it.**

**(2) A. R. P. for Animals is meant to protect the Bulls and Bears of the Share Bazar.**

**(3) Sir Victor Sassoon has renounced his business and accepted a job as a war correspondent.**

**(4) Like the Government of India, Hitler will have two headquarters for himself during the war—Russia in Summer and Libya in Winter!—but it is feared the Fuehrer considers both the places too hot for him.**

**(5) Daylight burglaries are on the increase as the burglars think it is not exciting enough to carry on their operations in the Black-out.**

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Two children were about to present their grandmother with a new Bible, when the little boy suggested they ought to write "something nice" inside the cover.

"I know what we'll put", exclaimed his elder sister. "I've seen it in lots of Daddy's books."

So they agreed and wrote, much to Granny's surprise, "With the author's compliments."

# Big Soviet Far East Army Manoeuvres

## Chungking And Manila Regard Event As Significant

MOSCOW, December 18.

**Large scale Russian military manoeuvres with troops and full equipment are taking place in the Far East, states the Chungking radio quoting a broadcast from a Soviet radio station received via Manila radio station.**

**Both Manila and Chungking regard this development as significant, the announcer added.**

## Soviet Advance Continues

LONDON, December 18.

The Russian advance continues very successfully, it is authoritatively stated in London today.

There is no indication as to where the Germans might plan to stablize their line. It might not be left to the Germans to decide.

It is difficult to see how the Nazis can support their claim that they are retreating in order to shorten their line.

MOSCOW:—A Soviet communique states that there was night-long fighting on all fronts.—

HUGE NAZI LOSSES

A supplement to the communique says: "In the course of several days' fighting in one sector of the Southern Front our men annihilated 3,200 enemy soldiers and officers and captured 15 guns, 53 machine-guns, 11 minethrowers and a large quantity of ammunition.

Our troops operating in one sector of the south-western front within one day freed from the enemy 70 villages and captured 28 guns, 105 turks, 17 minethrowers and many other trophies.

Troops operating in one sector of the Moscow front overcame the enemy's stubborn resistance and dislodged him from a number of populated places.

In another sector our troops took several villages and captured 10 German tanks 10 armoured cars, 7 ammunition depots and a large quantity of other war material."

FIERCE ENGAGEMENTS

The Soviet night communique stated: "During December 17 our troops fought the enemy on all fronts. On other sectors of the Western, Kalinin and South-Western fronts, our troops fought fierce engagements with the enemy, continued to advance and occupied a number of populated centres, including the town of Aleksin, South-West of Serpukhov, and Shchekino South of Tula.

On December 16, seven German planes were destroyed".

Germans lost 13,000 killed and wounded in the fighting for Klin, states the Moscow Radio.

The Germans lost over 10,000 killed in the Kalinin battle, according to an announcement of the Soviet Information Bureau, quoted by the Moscow radio.

NAZI CLAIM

A German communique states that the enemy suffered heavy losses from air attacks on the Eastern Front.

It adds that there were no major operations in North Africa yesterday.—Reuter.


# Between Hitler & Deep Sea!

**They stand on Europe's gangplank and risk everything on the turn of the roulette wheel.....**

PLUG IN TO THE "LISTENING POST OF THE WORLD"

AND HEAR THE TRAGIC TALE OF EUROPEAN REFUGEES

*Next Sunday*

**The Bombay Chronicle**

*SUNDAY, DEC. 21*


# ROMMEL TO QUIT GAZALA

## Enemy Forces In East Cyrenaica In Full Retreat

LONDON: December 18.

Gen. Rommel is attempting to withdraw from Gazala, but we are pressing him hard and pursuing his troops, it is stated in authoritative circles in London to-day. As we have mechanised columns operating in the enemy's lines, it is expected that this attempt to withdraw will be costly.

Upto the morning of December 15, German and Italian prisoners at Alexandria numbered 8,108. They are composed of 76 German officers and 2,925 other ranks, 237 Italian officers and 4,869 other ranks, not including about 1,000 Italian prisoners captured by Polish and Indian troops on December 16.

AXIS FRONT BROKEN EVERYWHERE

CAIRO: Following is the text of the communique issued by the British G.H.Q. in the Middle East on Thursday:—

"Axis forces in Eastern Cyrenaica are now in full retreat. After five days of intensive fighting in which all remaining German and Italian resources had been thrown into battle to try and delay our advance, the enemy's front has everywhere been broken.

Yesterday our troops relentlessly pursued the enemy in spite of adverse weather conditions for a distance of nearly 30 miles. By evening the main body of our infantry had reached the general line of the Tmimi-Mekili Road.

BRUNT BORNE BY INDIANS

Details are now available of the counter-attacks made by German lorry-borne infantry supported by all the remaining German tanks. On December 13, 14 and 15 the brunt of three counter-attacks made with the greatest determination was borne by the 4th Indian Division in the Centre of our line. Although the Germans had temporarily established considerable local numerical superiority in the area held by the 4th Indian Division, the latter formation beat off attack after attack without giving ground.

Indeed during three days and nights of intense fighting, in which all available German Air Forces were also employed in support of their tanks and lorried infantry the division, and particularly in the last two days, the Fifth Infantry Brigade actually made headway.

TWENTY NAZI TANKS TAKEN

Ably backed up by battalions of the 4th Sikh Regiment and the 1st Punjab Regiment who had already distinguished themselves on many previous occasions, the Buffs admirably supported by the 21st Field Regiment Royal Artillery played a decisive part in finally defeating these German counter-attacks in which about 20 German tanks and a number of Axis aircraft were destroyed.

In the course of yesterday's retreat by the enemy our armoured forces, operating to the flank and rear, attacked and destroyed a number of columns of mechanicol transport, including four German tanks. Throughout yesterday's operation our air forces co-operated by an intense bombing of enemy transport columns, obtaining excellent results, particularly on a large concentration of mechanical transport at Mekili, where many vehicles were observed to be on fire. Other air formations successfully engaged detachments moving westwards along the coastal roads from Derna.

# AXIS OUTRAGES IN MEDITERRANEAN

## Vichy Withdraws Charge Against Britain

LONDON, Dec. 18.

An Admiralty 'communique' states:—

"The charge previously made by the Vichy Admiralty that it was a British submarine that sank the steamship "Saint Denis" has now been withdrawn.

The German and Italian Admiralties will presumably now settle amongst themselves whether it was the German or Italian Navy that was responsible for the sinking of the steamship "Saint Denis" and similar outrages recently committed by submarines in the Mediterranean and in Spanish territorial waters.—Reuter.

### *HEAVY RAIDS ON BREST & LE HAVRE*

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked the Docks at Brest last night. A heavy weight of bombs was dropped and the Docks at Le Havre were also attacked.

A Fighter Command aircraft offensive patrol bombed aerodromes in occupied territory.

One aircraft of the Bomber Command is missing.—Reuter.

### *TOLL OF FORMOSA 'QUAKE MOUNTS UP*

TOKIO, Dec. 18.

The deathroll in yesterday's Formosa earthquake was 219, according to an announcement to-day by the Overseas Ministry. Hundred and seventy-four persons were seriously wounded and 263 slightly injured, while 1,768 homes were destroyed. Railway, telephone, and telegraphic communications have been restored and the situation is returning to normal.—Reuter.

### *BRAZIL TO STAY NEUTRAL*

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 18.

Brazilian neutrality "in the war of Japan, Finland, Hungary and Rumania against the British Empire and Holland" is announced in decrees issued by President Vargas.

# INDEPENDENCE, INDIA'S PRIMARY NEED

## Jawahar Scoffs At Talk Of Dominion Status

### INDIA CAN CO-OPERATE WITH BRITAIN ONLY ON TERMS OF EQUALITY, HE DECLARES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"At the beginning of the war we have declared that our sympathy is with the Powers fighting for freedom. For the last seven years we have repeatedly expressed our opposition to Nazism and Fascism. When Russia, China, and America are ranged on one side what doubt is there as to where our sympathies lie? But in expressing this sympathy, let us not forget our own freedom."

This was the gist of the speech delivered by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at a mammoth meeting at Chowpatty on Thursday evening. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai presided.

TERMS OF CO-OPERATION.

Pandit Nehru added that India was prepared to forget the bitterness engendered by two hundred years of British rule in India and co-operate with Britain. But "we can do so only as free men, not as slaves."

### *JAWAHAR DOES IT*

The meeting was one of the largest in recent years and at a fair estimate, about a lakh of people were present. Long before the meeting commenced, there was such a terrific rush on the roads leading to Chowpatty that traffic was held up, and the police had a tough job in controlling the crowds on the roads. At the meeting itself the rush was so great that the barricades broke down and the volunteers found it very hard to tackle the crowds. One of the volunteers fainted early in the course of the struggle and another was badly injured.

Pandit Jawaharlal had to intervene to restore order. Finding that there was too much noise for his speech to be heard, he went into the crowd and after a few minutes, brought the crowd under control. Some time later, he had to break off in the middle of his speech and rush into the crowds again to enforce discipline.

### *In Midst Of World War*

In the course of his preliminary remarks, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai said that they were meeting after fifteen months to consider how the people of India had stood at their post of duty and how they had conducted themselves under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. They had been told that there would be a world war but had hardly believed that every country would be involved in war. World war had not only become a fact now but had come closer to India.

No one could foresee, continued Mr. Bhulabhai, what would be the effect of the entry of Russia, America and China into the war. But this much was certain that whether they willed it or not, the end of the war would usher in a new era. It was a matter for pride to live at this juncture of the world's history. Whatever was going to be the fate of the world, the question that India had to consider was what would be her place in the world.

### *WHEN CIVILISATION DISAPPEARS*

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru thanked the citizens of Bombay for the loving reception they had accorded to him. The relations between him and the citizens was the same that prevailed between all people who cherished the same ideal.

Continuing, Panditji said that terrible things were happening in the world; thousands were dying, and ancient civilisations were rolling back into barbarity. It was no matter for joy to see the Britishers or the Germans suffer and die as they were doing. The world was like a vast ocean into which all nations has been thrown and were asked to sink or swim. The only thing that could help a nation to swim and to reach the shore safe was courage and strength. In the absence of courage big resolutions were of no avail. This was a testing time for all men and women and only men with discipline, stoutness of heart and character could win through.

ONLY CHOICE FOR INDIA

Many great and historic nations like France had lost their freedom. What should India do if she had to face a similar situation? That was the question which was frequently asked. Whatever they did, should be in keeping with their honour and if the worst happened, they should face it, proud and unashamed.

India, said Panditji, could never be isolated from the rest of the world. But she could not forget her main problem. Often had he and crores of people in India sworn to achieve complete independence. They had yet to fulfil that pledge. The statue of Lokamanya Tilak, which stood on Chowpatty, reminded him of the love of independence which burnt as an unquenchable flame. The Lokamanya had courageously held aloft the torch of freedom and after him lesser men were being guided by the same torch, the torch of freedom.

Frequent appeals were made to India to come to the help of Britain but the people of India nursed feelings of hostility towards British domination. That was no wonder. India hated the political domination which had rendered her poor, weak and powerless. They were asked to forget this; they were asked to forget the history of India for the past 150 years. Though remembering and the poverty caused by British rule, the people of India were yet prepared to forget it. They were willing to overlook the past, rein in their anger, lay aside their sentiments and join hands with Britain.

*But one thing they could never forget—their freedom.*

*They were prepared to join hands with Britain as free men, not as slaves.*

If the war was for the freedom of the world, they were prepared to accept the responsibility of that freedom and stand by Britain.

AFFRONT TO INDIA

Proceeding, Panditji recalled the history of the last two and a quarter years beginning with the resolution of the Congress Working Committee of September 14, 1939, asking for a clarification of British war aims. Since then every British spokesman, both from Delhi and London had offered an affront to the honour and self-respect of India; they had denied her the right to freedom.

Britain was plunged in misfortune. She was suffering untold travail. Not only India's sympathies but her admiration was with thousands of the British people, who were fighting so heroically. India had no anger against them.

But what should be India's attitude towards those who were responsible for the pig-headed policy towards her? The people of India were pledged to complete freedom. They could not negotiate except on that basis. They were often told that their freedom was at stake. But no one should forget that India's freedom had been lost, not to-day but two hundred years ago.

FREEDOM HERE AND NOW

In this connection Panditji expressed his impatience with people who talked of Dominion Status a year or two after the war.

It was but a sign of weakness to repeat parrot-wise of the promise of Dominion Status in the future. He did not like this talk of to-morrow, this promise of something to come at a distant date. He wanted freedom here and now.

Proceeding Panditji paid a tribute to the reckless heroism of the Russians and particularly their "scorched earth" policy. A country which was capable of such sacrifices could never be conquered. He also referred to the heroism of the Chinese people who had fought for four and a half years an unyielding war against a power which had played such havoc in two weeks in its war against stronger nations.

WHAT FREE PEOPLE CAN DO

Panditji referred to a letter he had received from Madam Chiang-Kai-Shek while he was in jail. She informed him that Chungking which had been half destroyed when he was there, was almost completely demolished but the Chinese were still alive and fighting. She had assured him that they would continue to fight till victory. Panditji remarked that this was an index of what a free people could do to defend their freedom.

CONGRESS AND A. R. P.

Referring to A.R.P., Panditji said that when the need arose, it would be necessary that Indians should be prepared to protect the lives of their women and children. If there was a fire, it was the duty of every citizen to put it out. There were no political principles involved in that. The difficulty was about the method as all A. R. P. measures were under the direction and control of the British Government. He hoped, however, that the Working Committee would be able to give guidance on the matter

### *Jawaharlal At Dadar*

Addressing a meeting of Dadar citizens at Palan Sojpal Chawl on Thursday night, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said that the release of Satyagrahi prisoners was a challenge to the Congress. The answer to this challenge, he said, would be given by the Congress Working Committee within a few days. The answer might not be pleasing to Government. Panditji, however, did not wish to anticipate it.

Referring to the entry of Japan into war, Pandit Jawaharlal said that it was the duty of Indians to face the future with courage and not to get unnerved. It was necessary that the nation should not lose sight of its ideal, namely, freedom.

Mr. B. G. Kher, who presided, urged the people not to get panicky because the war had come nearer to India. The duty of the nation he said was to strive to realise its goal. The Working Committee was going to meet shortly to give the lead to the nation. It was the duty of every Indian to follow that lead.

### Jawahar Meets C. R.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on Mr. C. Rajagopalachari to-day and stayed with him for about half an hour. The conversations, it is understood, were non-political.

### *NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE*

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Advantage was taken of the presence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Chairman of the National Planning Committee, to hold an informal meeting of those members of the National Planning Committee as happened to be in Bombay to consider the present situation as it affected the working of the Planning Committee as also its future activities.

It is likely that a full and formal meeting of the Committee will be called some time next month, when the consideration given at this meeting to the problems before the Committee would take a more definite shape.

### K. T. Shah's Party To Jawaharlal

Mr. K. T. Shah, Secretary of the National Planning Committee, gave a party to Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru at the University Gardens on Thursday.

# ANEY'S APPEAL TO LEADERS

(Continued from page 1)

that the continuance of the Governor's authority in the seven Provinces is undesirable. His Excellency the Viceroy's observations in his speech at Calcutta before the Associated Chambers on this point are pregnant with deep meaning."

SANDS OF TIME ARE RUNNING OUT

Welcoming Mr. Aney, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad observed: "The charge-sheet which India can legitimately present against England is long and grave." But he said that this was no time for controversy and the whole country should unite against the common danger.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir said that Mr. Aney was not merely a member of the Government of India, but a leader of Maharashtra and a patriot.

Sir Victor Sassoon stated that Mr. Aney was once one of the pillars of the Opposition in the Central Assembly. But knowing him as he did, Sir Victor knew that if Mr. Aney felt it would benefit his country to stand down as the leader of the Government he would not hesitate for one moment. "I already see results from Mr. Aney's action. I see a feeling of discomfort arising in the hearts of those who only a few months ago were thinking in terms of political strategy and tactics." He said that sands of time were running out.

Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor of Bombay, felt that it was their duty to help in the work of protection of life, limb and property of those who did not agree with others.

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar stated that if there was any man in this country who could work for unity and compromise, unity not of shreds and patches, but the real one, it was Mr. Aney.

Mr. Rashidali Baig, the Sheriff of Bombay, thought that nothing could be denied to an united voice.

Raja Bahadur Narayanlal Bansilal said that although some people felt that they should follow Mr. Aney, they could not come forward and publicly admit that fact and give a proper lead.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta observed that he seemed to be the only man on the platform to represent the political party to which Mr. Aney belonged. Mr. Aney represented a political school of thought.

Mr. D. A. Tulzapurkar stated that a great number of Indians residing overseas could depend upon Mr. Aney to get their grievances redressed.

Mr. M. N. Talpade proposed a vote of thanks.

# EMIGRATION PROBLEMS

## Aney's Assurance To Indian Merchants

To meet the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, Member, Viceroy's Executive Council, Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, President, Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, gave a Luncheon Party at the Taj Mahal Hotel on Thursday afternoon, when a number of prominent citizens were invited, which included Sir Cowasji Jehangir, and Sir Sultan Chinoy. After lunch, the guests were introduced to Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney.

Mr. M. C. Ghia, President, Indian Merchants Chamber, gave a Tea Party to Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney at the premises of the Indian Merchants Chamber at 4 p.m. on Thursday when again a number of well-known citizens were invited, including the past presidents.

Mr. Ghia after tea referred to the three burning questions to which he drew attention of Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, viz: (1) the Indo-Burma Immigration Agreement, (2) the Draft Indo-Ceylon Immigration Agreement and (3) the proposed restrictions on Indian emigration to Aden.

The Draft Indo-Ceylon Immigration Agreement he said, has not, perhaps, received that stormy reception as the Indo-Burma counterpart. All the same, this agreement also has many objectionable features about it.

EMIGRATION TO ADEN

Continuing he said: We are given to understand that new rules governing the emigration of Indians to Aden are under contemplation and that under these rules various restrictions are to be imposed. It is not necessary here to recall the past association of this country with Aden, or the contribution by Indian nationals in building up that colony. The new restrictions are of a reactionary character and will practically curtail the trade and business activities of the Indians resident there and may eventually result in evicting the Indians from that colony.

ANEY'S REPLY

Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney in reply said that the Government of India were in full sympathy with the majority of objections raised against the Indo-Burma Agreement by the people of India. Unfortunately, the Premier of Burma was held up in Hawaii and Mr. Aney hoped he would have a safe return home. The Government of India, he assured, would not spare any effort in urging on the Burma Government the necessity of making radical alterations in the Agreement.

As regards Indo-Ceylon Agreement, he said, only proposals were placed before the country, and there was no Agreement as such. The subject had been fully discussed and he once again assured that the Government of India would strive their utmost to safeguard the interests of the Indian community.

Referring to the proposed restrictions on Indian emigration to Aden, he said, the Government of India had impressed upon the Aden Government to consult the Government of India before taking any final decision in the matter.

He deplored the present political situation in India and described it as "dark", and observed that by chance if there could be established an understanding between the various communities, their march towards the common goal would be very much expedited.

Mr. M. C. Ghia then introduced Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney to the guests.

### *COMMANDEER ALL NEWSPRINT*

(Continued from Page 6.)

ed to quicken enthusiasm in the country; and whether it is well judged or ill judged, no purpose is served by holding fast to it as the last word on the subject. Surely, it should not be difficult to provide fuller and further evidence of a character calculated to impress all with Britain's desire to part with power to accredited representatives of the people. Representing as we do the responsible section of the Press in the country, now that the question has been raised by the Rt. Hon. Member, may we take this opportunity of urging on Government both the need and the advantage of making a gesture which will provide the psychological background for getting Government and the people together in a common endeavour to serve and safeguard the best interests of the country?

MERE AMNESTY WON'T DO

In conclusion Mr. Srinivasan remarked: "Many of us, who are here this afternoon, have made no secret of our views that in view of the gravity of the international situation, Mahatma Gandhi should withdraw the Satyagraha movement. But I would appeal to Sir Akbar to see to it that positive forces are released for an interim solution of the political deadlock. The release of Satyagraha prisoners is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, though I am bound to add that the long delay in announcing the decision and the niggardly spirit in which certain Provincial Governments are implementing that decision are causing a good deal of disappointment.

But even if it were otherwise, the mere release of prisoners can only provide the atmosphere and cannot serve by itself as an adequate gesture of goodwill. Far more is necessary to convince the people that this is their war and victory will mean freedom for all, including India. As an earnest of that freedom, Britain should be prepared to instal immediately in the seats of power and authority, both at the Centre and in the Provinces, the natural leaders of the people. Recent statement by leaders like Mr. C. Rajagopalachari must convince all reasonable people that an offer of the kind I have just suggested is bound to transform the situation and hasten national unity in the face of imminent danger.—A. P.

# Allies Will Have A Hard Year In 1942

## Wavell Surveys Situation On All Fronts

### Assures There Is No Serious Danger Of Large Scale Attack On India At Present

NEW DELHI, December 18.

General Sir Archibald Wavell at a Press Conference this afternoon made a survey of the war situation in the Far East and the Middle East and on the Russian Front.

"We shall have a hard year in 1942 against the Axis Powers", he conceded; but he drew pointed attention to the "greatest combination of nations in the world" opposed to those Axis Powers, and indicated his conviction that the United States, the British Empire, Russia and China, all banded together, were bound to win.

Referring to the Far East, he said: "The situation is one which undoubtedly gives us a certain amount of anxiety. But there is absolutely no reason to think more than that the enemy has had a preliminary success. And we are taking measures to remedy that so far as we can.

LONG WAR FROM SINGAPORE

"As a result of the sudden and treacherous attack made by them the Japanese forces have obtained certain preliminary advantages in the air, on the sea and on land; but they are a very long way away from overrunning Malaya or getting to Singapore. Our troops have been driven back some distance and we have had certain losses.

"There is no doubt". His Excellency went on, "that both in the East Coast and the West Coast, the Japanese have suffered extremely heavy casualties. On the East Coast they have made little progress".

SUCCESS IN LIBYA

As regards Libya, General Wavell said: "The latest account I have had shows that it is going extremely well. I have never had any doubts at all—I know that theatre, having had charge of operations there for two years—that battle will go all right in the long run. It has been slow and more expensive than we had hoped: but the greater part of the Germans and Italians there will sooner or later be accounted for. Already a large proportion of them have been accounted for. We have taken between 8,000 and 10,000 prisoners. There is no doubt whatever that the casualties of the enemy in killed and wounded, especially in killed, have been on an extremely heavy scale."

"The Fourth Indian Division," he proceeded, "which is the first Indian Division that went overseas from this country and which was the spearhead of attack on Sidi Barrani and Keren, is an extremely fine division. I have had a telegram today from General Auchinleck that General Ritchie has written to him that the Fourth Indian Division has done most magnificent work and no praise can be high enough for their achievement.

"The casualties of this division have not been many. One brigade had a certain number of casualties, but the other two have not suffered many. There is also the Fifth Indian Division who have done very fine work.

"The news from Russia continues to be extremely encouraging. Germany has lost a good deal of men and material. The German air superiority is beginning to decline. Still he is very formidable, and things are not going to be too easy. We shall have a hard year in 1942 against the Axis Powers. But you have got the greatest combination of nations in the world opposed to him—the United States, the British Empire, Russia and China, all banded together now."

"As regards the Defence of India, it is only the North Eastern portion of it—some parts of that portion—that is within extreme bombing range from Thailand. I don't think there is any serious danger of a large scale attack on India at present. Steps are being taken to supply our deficiencies as rapidly as possible. But there is honestly speaking no cause for any great alarm for the time being. The enemy undoubtedly will try to do everything possible to play on our nerves by spreading false information and by other means. He will spread false information—as in the case of the report that Rangoon was bombed—in the hope that its denial will give him information which will be useful to him and which he would not have got otherwise."

APPEAL TO PRESS

His Excellency made an appeal to the Press to give all the assistance possible in preventing the spread of alarming rumours.—A. P.

## The Half-Column By "Dim"

This column is getting expensive to run, what with retaining a highly-trained Gestapo and paying high for exclusive news. The record figure was paid yesterday by me for the latest and most classic story about the Gentleman from Dash-Dash Road. The story goes that he wanted to go to Borivli and, therefore, boarded the train at Church Gate. At Charni Road, he saw a large board with "Bovril" written on it. So he got down from the train and complained to the Railway authorities he had been charged too much for so short a distance.

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Precocious young thing to mother, after returning from morning's trot at Mahaluxmi: "Mother, I rode two ponies to-day".

Mother: "Which ones?"

P. Y. T.: "Ajax and Achilles".

Mother: "What are you riding to-morrow"

P.Y.T. "I suppose the 'Battle of the Riverplate".

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In Bombay arrived Mr. Aney—the Hon. Mr. Aney. Says Gestapo Agent P. Q. 13 that no member of the Bombay Government was present to receive him.

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Was it because Mr. Rajagopalachari was also on the same train (or compartment?) and Government were afraid a reception of Mr. Aney may be construed as a welcome for C. R.?

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The Rangoon Radio has at last denied enemy bombings. But may I ask, why all this delay in denying something so important to us all? Surely it is not health to keep the people in suspense for more than 36 hours to confirm whether the Tokyo radio's claim was correct or not. What has happened to the Propaganda Departments of Government

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Suggested poster for the Excelsior this week: "TOMORROW'S BALLET by TODAY SHANKAR" (Acknowledgements to the new Sheriff for this lousy pun).

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It is gratifying to see that inspite of the European collapse at the Pentangular the cotton market has remained more or less unperturbed.

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Congratulations to the well-read gentleman in the Rummy Room of the Cricket Club who thought A.R.P. in Bombay stood for "all rest in peace".

TAJ for
Your X'MAS Holidays
Book Now.

## SIND MUSLIMS ATTACK PRESENT MINISTRY

### Demand For Fresh Election

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

The Karachi District Muslim League Conference concluded its three day session late last night after adopting a resolution expressing want of confidence of Sind Muslims in the Present Ministry and demanding dissolution of the present Sind Assembly and fresh elections for the purpose of affording an opportunity to the electorate to elect their true representatives.

Sir Abdulla Haroon, Sheikh Abdul Majid and other speakers referred to a Government Bill amending the Sind Incumbered Estates Act and said that the Sind Ministry which was supported by the Congress had always aimed at disruption of Sind Muslims.

The Raja of Mahmudabad, in his concluding speech appealed to Sind Muslims to work for the solidarity of the Muslim League and undertake a programme of educational, economic, social and political development of their community.

Earlier the Conference adopted a resolution recommending to the All-India Muslim League to demand immediate and unconditional release of Allama Mashriqi.

The Conference also drew the attention of the Governor of Sind to the rising prices of essential commodities and requested him to allay public anxiety by exercising his special powers in view of the indifference of the ministry.—A. P.

# FOREIGN FILM FARE FOR THE WEEK

Ruth Hussey and Melvyn Douglas in 'Our Wife' at Empire.

### MOST EXCITING TRIANGLE AT NEW EMPIRE

Melvyn Douglas, Ruth Hussey and Ellen Drew come to the Empire Theatre on Friday December 19th in Columbia's "Our Wife," a John M Stahl production praised by preview audiences as "the most exciting triangle that ever made a guy run in circles"!

Douglas, the 'guy' in the case, is seen as a brilliant musician who doesn't even know he is the main prize in a romantic contest between his co-stars. Miss Hussey, abandoning her hitherto sedate and dignified screen characterizations, appear as a coldly scientific young woman interest in romance has been practically nil...until she falls in love! An amateur in the fine art of man-hunting, she pits her brains against the more positive allurements employed by the curvacious Miss Drew, only to learn with sudden and startling rapidity it's not a woman's brain that cause a man to yell: 'Uncle'!

Armed with this knowledge and awake to her own beauty, she does her best to adapt the techniques used against her by the wilier, wiser Miss Drew. The battle Royal that precipitated provides the complications and the entertainment which makes 'Our Wife' the top fun show.

Unwitting victim of the free-for-all, Douglas first is seen as a young band leader, who loses his gold-digging wife and his luck at the same time. When his divorce is about to become final, he meets a girl, who inspires him to try again. Miss Drew is cast as the wife; Miss Hussey as the inspiration.

### "That Night In Rio" At Palace

1941's great glamour musical in Technicolor, "That Night in Rio," starring Alice Faye, Don Ameche and that exotic Brazilian songstress, Carmen Miranda, is at Palace this week. Catchy tunes by Meck Gordon and Harry Warren, exciting dancing and singing by Carmen Miranda, clever characterizations by Don Ameche, alluring appeal of Alice Faye and the Technicolor camera capturing all the richness and lush of tropical beauty of Rio De Janeiro make this musical extravaganza an excellent entertainment.

**"SUN VALLEY SERENADE" AT REGAL FROM WEDNESDAY.**

The Christmas attraction at the Regal will be "Sun Valley Serenade" (Sonja Henie and John Payne) which opens from Wednesday, 24th December, 1941.

**SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO.**

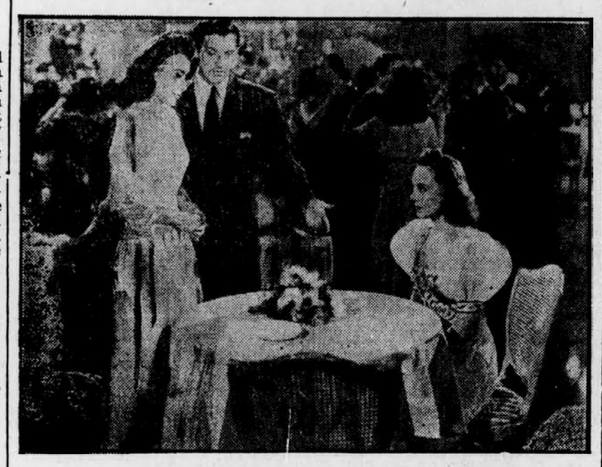
On Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Greer Garsan and Lawrence Oliver in "Pride and Prejudice" a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

### "MOON OVER MIAMI" FOR THIRD WEEK AT REGAL

Twentieth Century-Fox's Technicolour musical "Moon Over Miami" stays on at the Regal for the 3rd week.

Featuring Don Ameche and Betty Grable, the romantic duo of "Down Argentine Way", and Robert Cummings in top-billing, "Moon Over Miami" is generously sprinkled with hit tunes by Leo Robin and Ralph Rainger. Certain to become popular favourites are these masterpieces of melody: "Kindergarden Conga," "Hurrah For Today," 'Miami,' "I've Got You all To Myself", Loveliness and Love," "You Started Something", "Is That Good?" and "Solitary Seminole."

Greta Garbo in 'Mata Hari' at Metro.



A scene from 'Sun Valley Serenade' coming to Regal from Wednesday.

## 'MATA HARI' REVIVED AT METRO

### Greta Garbo's Great Role Of Old

Greta Garbo and Ramon Novarro are co-starred in "Mata Hari", one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most ambitious productions, which is being revived at Metro from today (Friday).

Supporting these two great stars are such important film names as Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, C. Henry Gordon, Karen Morley and Alec B. Francis. Minor roles are filled by Blanche Frederici, Edmund Breese, Helen Jerome Eddy and Frank Reicher. The film was directed by George Fitzmaurice.

Miss Garbo in the title role plays the exotic Mata Hari, whose notorious career as a dancer and woman of many affairs is but a cover for her nefarious activities as a spy for the German Government. A young Russian flyer, in charge of secret document (Novarro), becomes infatuated with the dancer, who trades upon his love in an effort to obtain the valuable papers This time, however, Mata Hari is carried beyond her cold-blooded schemes for she falls in love with the lieutenant and consequently jeopardizes her position with the espionage agents.

In an effort to protect the man she loves, Mata Hari commits a murder which, after a sensational trial, results in her being sentenced to face a firing squad. Much of the story is based on authentic details of the life of the famous World War spy whose activities made prominent front-page material for newspapers throughout the world.

### "South Of Pago Pago" At Edward

Against a background highlighted by the breathless beauty and tropical brilliance of the South Seas, Edward Small's remarkable production of "South of Pago Pago" is shown at Edward this week. The stellar cast of this great adventure romance is headed by Victor McLaglen, Jon Hall and Francis Farmer. It has an exciting, fast-paced story which keeps the audience on tenterhooks.

**PROGRAMME AT CAPITOL.**

20th to 22nd December—"Escape" with Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor.

23rd to 25th December—"Barretts of Wimpole Street" with Norma Shearer, Fredric March and Charles Laughton.

**SPECIAL MORNING SHOWS AT CAPITOL.**

21st December at 10-30 a.m.—"Pygmalion" with Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller.

24th December at 10-30 a.m.—"Blockheads" with Laurel and Hardy.

25th December at 10-30 a.m.—"GOODBYE Mr. Chips" with Roberts Donat and Greer Garson.

26th December at 10-30 a.m.—"Swiss Miss" with Laurel and Hardy.

**SUNDAY MORNING SHOW AT REGAL**

"Moon Over Miami" will be screened at Regal on Sunday morning at 10-30 at the usual evening prices.

## Communal Tangle

### *Dr. Mahmud's Nation-wide Appeal In Face Of War Menace*

PATNA, Dec. 17.

"In October 1940 I was one of those who firmly believed in the war efforts unconditionally, and did my level best to persuade my friends and colleagues to adopt that view and leave the rest to the honour of Englishmen and our own moral strength", states Dr. Syed Mahmud, a member of the Congress Working Committee and former Education Minister of Bihar in a statement to the Press.

He adds, "In the meantime the British Government have so erred that the belief of such people who held that view last year is altogether shaken".

Stating that when the enemy was knocking at the doors the situation in India was one of such helplessness that "We can only sit and look at him", Dr. Mahmud strongly appeals for a gigantic and nation-wide effort to solve the communal tangle—"a weakness we are repeatedly reminded of", and says "Our humiliations of the present day make it doubly incumbent on us to make a supreme effort in this direction."

Drawing a difference between Government's idea of helping the war efforts and that of their own, Dr. Mahmud says, "Government wants us to form war committees to deliver speeches, to collect funds and become recruiting agents. Others are doing this work admirably well.

But our conception of help in the war efforts is entirely different. We want Government to make India feel that it is her own war and consequently a common danger and leave the rest to India".

"I have no doubt", Dr. Mahmud concludes, "That Government will find soon that India will prove her merit in spite of her poverty and 200 years of inaction".—A. P.

## JINNAH'S PROTEST AGAINST HUQ?

### "Splitting Muslim League"

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

There are persistent reports in New Delhi that Mr. Jinnah as President of the Muslim League had wired to the Governor of Bengal protesting against the offer of Premiership again to Mr. Fazlul Huq. The exact terms of the letter are not known yet but it is said that Mr. Jinnah took exception to the procedure as being an attempt to divide the Muslim League and saying it will lead to undesirable situation in Bengal.

### *Jinnah To Leave For Nagpur On Dec. 24*

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, according to inquiries made this afternoon, will leave for Nagpur by the Calcutta Mail on December 24.

### *Plea For Indianisation Of I. M. S.*

LUCKNOW, Dec. 17.

"Complete Indianisation of the Indian Medical Service, which should be a purely military service on the lines of the Royal Army Medical Corps", was demanded by the 8th Provincial Medical Conference held at Benares during the week.

Another resolution expressed the opinion that the diet given to 'C' class prisoners in jail is much below the standard required for the maintenance of health.—A. P.

### Cinema Timings Restricted

KARACHI, Dec. 16.

Sind Government have passed orders directing that from January 1, 1942, cinema houses in the city of Karachi showing English and American pictures should close not later than 11-30 p. m., while those showing Indian pictures should close not later than half an hour after midnight.—A. P.

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore will open the 18th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission on January 21 next at the pavilion of the Jagan Mohan Palace, Mysore.

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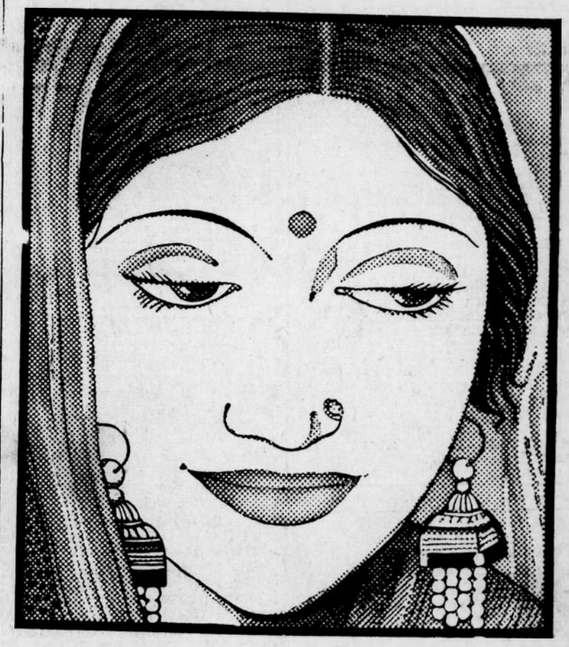

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# FOURTH DAY OF BOMBAY CHRISTMAS MEETING

## Acceptances For Saturday's Races

*The following are the Acceptances for the Fourth Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting, to be run at Mahaluxmi, on Saturday, December 20:—*

THE BUSHIRE PLATE (Div. I).—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Sa'ad Jassim 8-13, Sikandar 8-10, Hilal Salam 8-10, Zamil al Nassr 8-10, Hadban 8-7, Wellington 7-11, Iraq Marshal 8-4, Shakib 8-4, Sukab Ramzi 7-11, Daryanur al Iraq 8-3, Prince Scri 8-3, Wavell 7-11, Riman 7-11, Nibras 7-11, Golden Free 7-11, Wafiyah 7-11.

The above race will be ridden by Half Jockeys, Riding Boys and Apprentice Jockeys. Half Jockeys and Riding Boys will ride on even terms and Apprentice Jockeys, who have not ridden 5 winners will be allowed 7 lbs.

THE BUSHIRE PLATE (Div. III): Distance 6 Furlongs.

Sahran 9-0, Piccolo 9-0, Ayham 8-13 Canter 8-13, Banash Sagban 8-10, Anid al Iraq 8-10, Kuhailan Anwah 8-10, Al Ra'eed 8-10, Patel 8-10, Prince Hachim 8-7, Barq al Ilah 8-3, Jarir 8-3, Zarina 8-3, Sidi Barrani 8-3.

THE BUSHIRE PLATE (Div. II).—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Mujbil Hamid 9-0, Shanghai 8-13, Alwar 8-13, Mars 8-13, Fighter 8-10, Amiral 8-10, Baroda Fighter 8-10, School Boy 8-10, Mansur Abdullah 8-10, Long Silk 8-10, Apple King 8-4, Young Tariq 8-4, Amin al Mosul 8-3, Suez 8-3, Red Blinkers 7-11, Umeim 7-11, Sultan 7-11.

THE MAHIM PLATE.—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Double Oak 9-9, Fairy Queen 8-0 Advance 8-9, Lion Tamer 8-9, Final Dash 8-9, Sheritoy 8-7, Sweetness 8-0, The Duchess 7-11, Bright Lad 7-11, Marengo 7-7.

THE MATHERAN PLATE (Div. II).—Distance 1 Mile.

Indication 9-4, Dr. Mary 9-4, Ratifier 8-10, Cash Book 8-4, Brelan 8-6, American Beauty 8-4, Lord Clarion 8-2, Night Reveller 8-2, Sugar Baby 8-2, Virginis 8-0, Kirit 8-2, Samara 8-2, Barnegat 8-0 Gold Gainer 7-9.

THE MATHERAN PLATE (Div. I).—Distance 1 Mile.

Kotor 9-4, Gipsy Song 9-2, Katipo 8-11, Bastion 8-8, Vijai Kumari 8-7, Faiz 8-0, Kanchanmala 8-4, Gallo 8-0, Valentia Jinks 8-0, Dark Wings 7-12, Congratulations 7-9, Aftalon 7-9.

THE WESTERN INDIA CUP.—Distance 1 Mile.

National Flag 9-0, Pierrot 8-11 Star of Gwalior 8-2, Chanak 8-8 Scotland for Ever 8-7, Gloaming 8-6, Engaged 7-11, Usk 8-5, Leander 8-0, Fulham 7-11, Ballinahown 7-11.

THE BATHURST PLATE.—Distance 1 1|4 Miles.

Retort 9-0, Maelor 8-11, Desert Sunrise 8-9, Um Colsoom 8-7, Ishrat Sultana 8-6, Sundial 8-6, Ministrone 8-6, Bisharin 8-5, Fortune Hunter 8-5, High Lights 8-4, King of Sports 8-4, Linguaphone 8-4, Lord Byron 7-9, Sauce Anglaise 8-0, Talk 8-0, Tatter-Sol 7-11, Philtre 7-11, Foxlair 7-9.

THE STETCHWORTH PLATE.—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Seventh Heaven 10-7, Chief Ruler 9-2, Sultana Salim 9-0, Vasant Kupmari 8-2, Anar Kali 8-5 Dahman Suri 8-2, Desert Gem 8-2, Shamamat Hamid 7-11, Star of Lanka 7-9, Royal Rival 7-9, Kanzallah 7-7, Prince Hilal 7-7.

## GOOD DISPLAY BY BISHARIN ON TRACK

**BEATS SHALIVAHAN—BALLINAHOWN SULTANA SALIM SHINE.**

(From Our Racing Correspondent.)

The following track-work has been noted for the Fourth Day of Bombay Christmas Meeting:—

MINISTRONE (Maxwell) finished ahead of CLARIFY (R. B.) when covering a mile on the tan in 1 min. 49 1|2 secs.

ISHRAT SULTANA (Jones) covered nine furlongs on the tan in 2 min. 3 secs.

LEANDER (Davison) disposed of DANTE (—) when covering five furlongs on the tan in 1 min 2 secs.

HIGH LIGHTS (Brace) finished in front of GAY TALKIE (Md. Khan) in a gallop over nine furlongs and clocked 2 mins. 2 1|2 secs.

BISHARIN (Britt) was speedier than SHALIVAHAN (Marrable) when covering a mile on the inner grass in 1 min. 42 secs.

NATIONAL FLAG (Britt) held MORADABAD (Maxwell) in a mile gallop on the inner grass and recorded 1 min. 42 1|2 secs.

PIERROT (R Shinde) finished ahead of FIRE ALARM (Jones) when doing a mile on the tan in 1 min 50 secs.

SUN DIAL (Burn) held TOLTEC (Southey) in a mile gallop on the tan and covered the distance in 1 min. 50 1|2 secs.

SAUCE ANGLAISE (Burn) covered ten furlongs on the inner grass in good style.

SULTANA SALIM (R. Shinde) was lengths ahead of VASANT KUMARI (Jadhav) and PUSHPAMALA (S. Chavan) when covering six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 26 secs.

NORTHERN LIGHTS (Evans) scored from DESERT SUNRISE (Jadhav) while covering a mile on the tan in 1 min. 48 1|2 secs.

BALLINAHOWN (Bromley) shaped well when covering a mile on the inner grass in 1 min. 42 secs.

JARIR (Y. S. Khan) was too good when holding SA'AD JASSIM (P. Khade) and covered five furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 11 secs.

WAVELL (W. Thompson) showed fitness when holding Royal Oak (R. B.) in a six furlongs gallop on the tan and timed 1 min. 42 secs.

AL RA'EED (K. B. Irani) covered five furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 12 secs.

DAHMAN SURI (Y. S. Khan) covered four furlongs on the inner grass in 55 1|5 secs.

ADVANCE (Davison) did six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 23 secs.

KING HILAL (Roberts) was about level with PRINCE HILAL (Kheemsingh) when covering six furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 26 1|5 secs.

LINGUAPHONE (Roberts) finished ahead of MASQUE (Maxwell) and LORD BYRON (Bromley) when doing a mile on the tan in 1 min. 48 secs.

LION TAMER (Evans) held CHOWRANGHI (—) in a gallop over six furlongs on the tan and clocked 1 min. 21 secs.

COBALT (R. B.) was superior to GIPSY SONG when covering four furlongs on the tan in 52 1|2 secs.

KING OF SPORTS (Roberts) held MAELOR (K. Singh) and covered a mile on the tan 1 min 52 1|2 secs.

CANTER (A. Sattar) covered 4 furlongs on the tan in 56 1|2 secs.

# Parsis Qualify For Pentangular Final

## Europeans' Total Collapse After Good Start

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| PARSIS | (1st Innings) (5 wkts) ..... | 532 |
| EUROPEANS | (1st Innings) ..... | 117 |
| EUROPEANS | (2nd Innings) ..... | 153 |

**DEFEATING THE EUROPEANS BY AN INNINGS AND 262 RUNS ON THURSDAY, THE PARSIS QUALIFIED THEMSELVES TO PLAY FOR THE PENTANGULAR FINAL AGAINST THE WINNERS OF THE THIRD ROUND OF THE PENTANGULAR WHICH BEGINS BETWEEN THE HINDUS AND THE MUSLIMS THIS MORNING.**

**After putting up a fairly good total of 90 for loss of three wickets on Wednesday, the Europeans started badly on Thursday and were skittled out within only one hour of the game, for a paltry addition of 27 to the over-night total of 90. The collapse was due to the magnificent bowling power of the Parsis, coupled at the same time with excellent fielding.**

Moss was the only European player who could take liberty with the Parsi bowling. His well-deserved 42 in the first innings were the result of a confident and watchful game which was the only redeeming features of the European batting in their first innings.

FOLLOW-ON.

The Europeans followed on and met practically the same fate as in their first innings. The wicket-keeper Mischler and Philips were the only two exceptions to the general rule of coming from and returning to the pavilion. The plucky wicket-keeper faced the bowling quite confidently, and after reaching his 50 in no time played havoc with the ball, almost all the bowlers having come in for good punishment from him. His 75 included several fours.

Philips who opened the game for the Europeans was responsible for giving them good start and his 42 in the initial stage was a valuable asset to his side.

PARSIS IN FORM.

The Parsis on the whole have given a good account of themselves, and whether they win or lose, the cricket fans of the city seem to believe that they are sure to give a tough fight to their opponents, be they Hindus or Muslims.

Khote attacking Moss from the pavilion end started the third day's game. Palia came from the opposite end and during the first three overs of both nearly nine runs were added to the total. The pair however was not destined to reach the first century, for in the next over a beautiful good-length ball off Khote shattered Tew's bails (99—4—13).

Behrend came next and Moss with a single sent up the first century on board. But before the former could settle down, a fine leg-break off Palia in his following over smashed his bails (100—5—0).

For Europeans it seemed now to be a game of coming and going, for three more wickets fell within a very short time. Rice who came next could hardly stay at the wickets for five minutes. Attempting to hit Khote on the cover he was caught by Palia (107—6—4).

U'Ren joined Moss, who was the only player to play the Parsi bowling with success. By a cautious and confident game he had brought his score to 42. When the score had reached 110 Havewala was brought in Khote's place Mobed who replaced Palia from the opposite end got his first victim in U'Ren who was declared l.b.w. off his fourth ball. (115—7—3).

The collapse of the European team that had thus begun was now completed when the well-set Moss attempting to drive Havewala to off was clean-bowled by him before a single run could be added to the total (115—8—42).

Moss' contribution of 42 was a great help to the European total.

Tarapore who was now tried again from the Churchgate end accounted for the remaining two wickets. In two successive overs he sent back Gifford and Coleman to the pavilion, the European innings thus closing within 45 minutes of the third day's game with a paltry addition of 27 to the over night total. The European collapse was complete, and a follow-on was inevitable.

THE FOLLOW-ON

The Europeans followed on, Child and Phillips opening the game. When score was at 14. Khote clean-bowled Child (14—1—4).

Moss who came next but was bowled by Mobed when he was at 9 (32—2—9).

Mischler then joined Phillips and both played out till lunch when the score was at 47.

After lunch Mischler faced Cooper from the Churchgate end. Tarapore from the opposite end passed down a maiden to Phillips. Within five minutes of the game 50 were signalled on the board. For nearly half an hour the batsmen had gone on playing a steady game. At 2 p.m. Mobed came in to bowl from the pavilion end. Phillips hit him to a straight drive, and Mobed attempting to stop the ball, it went past his hand and shattered the bails, Phillips who had left his crease being declared run out (71-3-42).

Tew joined Mischler and by 2-30 both had carried the score to 90 when Tew gave a straight catch off Mobed which that bowler accepted (90-4-9). Behrend came next and returned soon after, being clean-bowled by the same bowler (90—5—0). Thus Mobed accounted for two good wickets in the same over.

Rice who had stepped in next seemed to believe in flogging, and two good strokes from him, to off and on, brought the first century on the board. Thereafter playing Palia, he was clean-bowled, this being Palia's first wicket in the second innings (107—6—6).

MISCHLER HITS OUT

U'Ren joined Mischler, and 110 went up. Immediately after he skied Palia to deep mid-on where Mistry caught him (111—7—9).

Buckland came next, and Mischler who had by this time passed his 40 hit Mobed for four at mid-on, and by an another three off Palia reached his 50. In Palia's next over Mischler again lifted him twice to the long-on boundary and reached his 60. The pair had entered into a pleasant hitting partnership and their efforts added 40 runs. However with the score at 151, Tarapore clean-bowled Buckland (151—8—6).

Gifford who came next was caught by Havewala, off his own ball, when a single was added to the total (152—9—0).

Coleman came and played out the over before tea.

After tea however the second ball off Tarapore clean-bowled Coleman (153—10—1) Mischler had remained unbeaten with 75.

Score:

**EUROPEANS (1st Innings)**

| | |
|---|---|
| P. Child, b Palia ..... | 27 |
| S. Phillips, b Palia ..... | 26 |
| R. Moss, b Havewala ..... | 42 |
| N. Mischler, b Palia .... | 0 |
| J. Tew, b Khote ..... | 13 |
| S. Behrend, b Palia ..... | 0 |
| H. Rice, c Palia, b Khote .. | 4 |
| C. U'Ren, l.b.w., b Mobed .. | 3 |
| W. Buckland (not out) ..... | 0 |
| A. Gifford, b Tarapore .... | 1 |
| R. Coleman, b Tarapore .... | 0 |
| Extra ..... | 1 |
| Total .... | 117 |

**EUROPEANS (2nd Innings)**

| | |
|---|---|
| S. Phillips, run out ..... | 42 |
| P. Child, b Khote ..... | 4 |
| R. Moss, b Mobed ..... | 9 |
| N. Mischler (not out) .... | 75 |
| J. Tew, c and b Mobed .... | 9 |
| S. Behrend b Mobed .... | 0 |
| H. Rice, b Palia ..... | 6 |
| C. U'Ren, c Mistry, b Palia .. | 0 |
| W. Buckland, b Tarapore .. | 6 |
| A. Gifford, b Havewala .... | 0 |
| R. Coleman, b Tarapore .. | 1 |
| Extras ..... | 1 |
| Total ..... | 153 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Khote | 4 | 0 | 13 | 1 |
| Havewalla | 11 | 4 | 19 | 1 |
| Palia | 11 | 0 | 39 | 2 |
| Tarapore | 13.2 | 1 | 27 | 2 |
| Mobed | 18 | 2 | 40 | 3 |
| Cooper | 7 | 2 | 14 | 0 |

### *Rohinton Baria Trophy*

### Benares make 156
### Calcutta dismissed for 130

BENARES: December 17.

The match between Benares University and Calcutta University in the East Zone of the Inter-Varsity Cricket Championship for the Rohinton Baria Trophy commenced this morning. Benares won the toss and elected to bat.

The match was adjourned for lunch when the score was 153 (Bahry making 21 and Phansalkar 32).

The remaining two Benares batsmen were dismissed 18 minutes after the lunch interval for the addition of three runs to the lunch score.

CALCUTTA'S INNINGS

Twenty minutes after lunch the visitors went in to bat and three of their batsmen fell victims in quick succession to Gandhi's attack for a solitary run.

The whole side was dismissed for a total of 130.

BENARES 2ND KNOCK

Benares had scored 13 for the loss of one wicket at the close of play (Tiwari and Rao batting with 3 and 0 runs respectively).—A. P.

### Punjab's Tall Score

LAHORE, Dec 18.

At the close of play in the Inter-Varsity Rohintern Baria Trophy match Punjab University had made 480 runs for the loss of five wickets (Anwar Hussain batting 125; Salim batting 16.—Ap P.

The Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, met the Hon Sir Homi Mody, Supply Member, Government of India, at the premises of the Chamber on Wednesday.

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## Co-ordination Of Allied War Efforts

### Simultaneous Talks Going On In Moscow, London, Washington, And Chungking

### Beaverbrook's Journal Joins British Press In Urging Settlement Of Indian Deadlock

*FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT*

*LONDON, Dec. 18.*

***Since the Japanese started war in the Far East two things have assumed immediate importance. The one is the need for formation of an allied supreme War Council in order to co-ordinate the war efforts and strategy of Great Britain, United States of America, British Empire, China and Russia.***

Washington reports revealed this morning that high British officials are partaking in parallel negotiations in Moscow and Washington.

In London it is learned that military and political discussions have been going on in the capitals of the four main countries, Moscow, Washington, Chungking and London.

It seems probable that the object of these discussions is firstly to co-ordinate allied policy and strategy and form the basis of joint military and naval and air offensive and defensive action against the Axis Powers; secondly, to establish unified political objectives both for the period during and after war; and thirdly to clarify the supply position which is now complicated by the entry of Japan in the war.

The most important discussions are now taking place in Moscow and Washington.

The one result of these discussions may be the setting up of a joint allied War Council with all allied General Staff members which could move between Russia, Middle East, China or wherever military requirements made their presence necessary.

The next thing is India. During the past week the British Press began to urge in increasingly stronger tone a settlement of the Indian deadlock, and criticisms of the policy of the Government of India from the most unexpected quarters have been still forthcoming. The latest comes from the "Evening Standard," which is Lord Beaverbrooke's paper.

#### *Solve Deadlock*

Writing editorially the "Evening Standard" refers to the Far Eastern situation and adds:

"If we are reasonable human beings confronting a crisis which must affect our fate, there are obvious questions we must ask ourselves. How can India obtain a strong Government commanding confidence of all her people?

The first step to wisdom must be the abandonment of belief in myths. It is no use supposing that the deadlock will be overcome by the reiteration of an appeal to India from the Viceroy to solve her own domestic difficulties. The British Government can not wash its hands off the dispute in India."

Continuing the paper adds: Even more ludicrous is the illusion touted in some quarters that the influence of the Congress Party is rapidly becoming negligible. At the only free elections contested under the new Constitution, the Congress won a majority in most of the Provinces.

To pretend that India is united behind the Viceroy's present policy when the fact is that it is grievously disunited is most pitiful of follies. The Indian Liberals have expressed themselves as strongly opposed to the present British policy as the Congress leaders."

The paper does not find any hope in either the Viceroy's repetition of old formulas or in statements of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. But it remarks: "It is noticeable however, that the President of the Congress who is just released from the prison is less intransigent. He states that the Congress might change its policy if there were signs of change in other quarters. Here surely is the glimpse of hope.

If Britain were to start a new initiative, Indian parties might be inclined to respond.

The non-representative Executive Council with Indian Members has been formed by the Viceroy Could not an attempt be made to make that Council representative by a fresh call to the Congress and the Muslim League.

Statesmanship is bankrupt if in such circumstances it does not attempt to escape from the deadlock."

### *SCHUSTER'S SCHEME*

LONDON, December 18.

We believe that a vast majority from all parties in this country desire to see a fresh start in India, states Sir George Schuster and Mr. Edward Thompson in a letter to "The Times" on Thursday.

"Japan's threat is now imminent and India must stand up to this while British and American power is being massed to smash it for ever. A crucial time lies before the Indians and the British.

Meanwhile, the political field continues to be cluttered with yesterday's controversies concerning civil disobedience—general or selective—non-violence, the date for dominion status "independence", whether the Congress represents all-India or the Muslim League all Muslims and the rest.

All the past and its controversies have become irrelevant. The future world will be quite different. In that world if India can now attain unity and strength, nothing can prevent her becoming equally with China one of the two great strongholds for the liberty of humanity in the east.

No words said by British politicians now can increase or lessen India's chances for achieving this. Formal constitutional changes cannot be rushed through in this war emergency but common sense shows clearly what practical things should be done.

What is needed is first that the Viceroy should be surrounded by a fully representative cabinet; and secondly, that Provincial Governments should resume office on a frankly coalition basis with enlarged cabinets in which opposed groups can work together.

We appeal to both the Muslim League and the Congress in their imminent decisions to make these decisions by the sole consideration of what the case not merely of India and Britain demands but that of the people of Russia and China.

Nothing will be lost by an action that is courageous unpedantic and in the fullest sense magnanimous by Britain's and India's leaders"

#### *Moment Of Danger And Opportunity*

Referring to the Viceroy's appeal for unity in his speech at Calcutta, the "Scotsman" says, "One important element in India's war effort is lacking—the whole-hearted support of all leading politicians.

Undoubtedly Mr. Gandhi will always go his own way, but Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru does at least admit that Britain, America and Russia are on the side whose victory he favours. Unfortunately he has just declared that Dominion Status is not enough."

The paper adds, "This is a moment of danger and of opportunity. If Indians learned in war to bridge the political differences that divide them they would have demonstrated beyond doubt their ability to act together for the good of India."

Concluding the "Scotsman" says "that the difficulty of modern democracy is that the ballot paper and the majority vote in Assemblies may give quite unbridled power to the majority for the time being since it is not fashionable to recognise any limitations upon the will of the majority.

"It is not a problem confined to India but it is particularly acute there and there seems unlikely to be any solution of the difficulty until Indian politicians acquire the habit of toleration. Unity in war might help to this end."—Reuter

### *TAKE CONGRESS INTO CONFIDENCE*

**(From Our Correspondent.)**

**LONDON, Dec. 17.**

**Disquietude, regarding the Indian situation and her defences, in the Labour Parliamentary circles is so deep that under pressure of rank and file of members of its Parliamentary Party, a full meeting of the Party will be held to-morrow (Thursday), where Mr. Attlee is expected to be present. Messrs. Shinwell, Clove, Dobbie, Sloane, Bevan and Sorensen are expected to lead the Back-benchers' point of view that the Parliamentary Labour Party leadership must impress on Government the necessity of immediately opening up conversations with Congress leaders. They are expected to point out the security of India is threatened; and in order to avoid repetition of what had happened in Malaya, Indian masses must be brought to the realization of defence of their soil, even, if the time has passed for talk in the terms of Government of all parties, but the appointment of a strong Government, irrespective of party labels, capable of defending India, is the only solution at present that can only be done if the Congress Party, which represents masses of India, is taken into complete confidence, and assured of Britain's genuine desire to transfer political powers to the Indian people.**

**I am told Mr. Attlee is likely to oppose this point of view of the rank and file, which is expected to make frank criticism of party's leadership on the Indo-Burma question. About 60 members are excepted to be present.**

#### *Viceroy's 'No'*

### PLANS FOR POLITICAL RAPPROCHEMENT

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

I understand that the Viceroy has definitely turned down the proposal for a special session of the Central Legislature. In an interview Sirdar Santsingh who had made this suggestion to the Viceroy said that he proposed to give notice of a censure motion on this subject when the Assembly met for the Budget Session.

Various measures for bringing about a new political rapprochement are now being informally discussed by Indian members of the Viceroy's Council. From talks here there is every reason to believe that the suggestion will again be put for a conference of Indian members of the Viceroy's Council premiers and experienced leaders of political parties at the invitation of the Viceroy but for the present official circles are disposed to await the outcome of the coming meeting of the Congress Working Committ. It is said that if eight Indian members jointly make a demand for such a conference as an immediate necessity the Viceroy will not reject their advice but there is still no sign that Mr. Amery is prepared to take any move unless compelled by the united demand of the Indian members of the Viceroy's Council.

### *HAVE GOVT. DONE EVERYTHING?*

LONDON, Dec. 17.

"It does not look as though we should solve the Indian deadlock through the aid of Mr. Gandhi and Pandit Nehru who unite in saying that the release of Congress prisoners "makes no essential difference", says the "Manchester Guardian" in a leading article.

The Paper adds: "Possibly not all who follow the Congress would say the same. Pandit Nehru is unhelpful. He fears Hitler's victory, but he also fears lest Hitler's opponents, having won, should set up Fascist authoritarianism. So Pandit Nehru and his friends content themselves with "drawing attention to certain aspects of freedom." Admirable as this is, it does not go far to destroy Hitler.

The Viceroy again urges Indians to drop their domestic grievances and join in winning the war. He says the Government has left nothing undone to bring the parties together. Is that true? Has the Government, for instance, invited leading Indians, Provincial Premiers and ex-Premiers and members of the Executive Council to confer as Indians to study India's needs and promote the idea of a Coalition Government at the Centre and in the Provinces? Why cannot such a conference be called?"—Reuter.

### *GERMAN WAR MATERIAL ACROSS FRENCH FRONTIER?*

#### *Nazi Designs On Africa Plausible If Russia Allows Them*

ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER, December 17.

Diplomatic circles do not believe that Vichy's protest regarding German reprisals will impede the progress of Franco-German collaboration

It is understood that the St. Florentin Agreement has not yet been implemented beyond the transfer of French soldiers repatriated from Syria to North Africa but the closing of the Franco-Spanish frontier which has already been enforced for four days is regarded as a possible indication that German war material is being conveyed across the frontier.

Political observers consider that the realisation of German plans in Africa, to which Vichy's connivance was sought at St. Florentin is largely dependent on how far the Russian offensive permits the Germans to withdraw their forces from the eastern front.

While Germany is pressing Vichy to break with the United States it is thought unlikely that at the present moment Vichy will take the initiative in this direction.—Reuter.

### *FRANCE DECLARES NEUTRALITY*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.

The French Ambassador on Wednesday assured the United States Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles of France's neutrality in America's war against Japan and Axis.

He conferred with Mr. Welles for nearly an hour in his first call at the State Department since the entry of the United States into the war—Reuter.

### *New U. S. Cruiser Launched*

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

A new United States cruiser has been launched and will be commissioned in 1942.

### *Reuter's Naval War Correspondent Killed*

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 18.

Mr. Massy Anderson, Reuter's Naval War Correspondent in the Eastern Mediterranean, has met his death through enemy action at sea.

Prior to the war Mr. Anderson was Reuter's Manager in Alexandria.—Reuter.

## WAR SECRETARY STIMSON ANNOUNCES CHANGES

### Roosevelt Calls For Greater Efforts: No Speedy Results

*WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.*

***Admiral Kimmel is relieved of the Command of the Pacific Fleet.***

***The Secretary for the Navy, Col. Knox, announced that Admiral Husband E. Kimmel has been ordered to be relieved from duty as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and Rear Admiral Chester V. Nimitz has been ordered to replace him.***

***Pending arrival of Rear Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Kimmel has been relieved of his command by Vice-Admiral William S. Pye, Commander of the Battle Force, and heretofore Admiral Kimmel's Second-in-Command.***

***Admiral Nimitz has been on duty as Chief of the Navy Department Bureau of Navigation.***

Mr. Stimson, announced the appointment of Lieut-General Emmons to the Command of the Hawaiian Department relieving Lt.-General Short as also that Lt.-General El Tinker was "en route" to Hawaii to take command of the Air Force relieving Major-General Frederick L. Martin.

Mr. Stimson said he concurred in the preliminary reports by Col. Knox regarding the apparent unpreparedness of the army and the navy forces in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on December 7.

A War Department announcement says the changes in the Command of the Hawaiian Department were made to expedite reorganisation of the Island's defences.

"This action avoids a situation where officials charged with responsibility for the future security of this vital naval base would otherwise, at this critical hour, also be involved in the searching investigation ordered yesterday by the President," adds the announcement.

Lieutenant-General Delos C. Emmons Air Combat Force arrived at Honolulu with instructions to assume the Command of the Hawaiian Department relieving Lieutenant-General Walter C. Short, announced Col. Stimson.

General Emmons is 53 and his designation as Commander of the Hawaiian Department marks the first time an American air officer has been given full command of field operations, although Germans have often made such appointments.

Admiral Chester V. Nimitz is 56, is a Texan and has been stationed in Washington for the last two years as the head of the Bureau of Navigation, which is responsible for the navy personnel.

He commanded the Atlantic submarine forces in the world war.

#### *Roosevelt Appeals For Unity*

The House of Representatives has sent for the President's signature to-day the legislation giving President Roosevelt censorship and other broad wartime powers.

"War is going on for a long time," declared President Roosevelt on Wednesday at the labour and industry conference to curb wartime strikes.

He appealed for a unanimous agreement by Friday night to speed up defence production without Hindrance.

The President uttered a warning against any feeling that it would be possible to "mop up" and bring a quick end of the war in the Pacific.

"We have got greatly to increase our production programme. We are still in a sense—whether you like it or not—the arsenal of the free world," said President Roosevelt.

"Geographically we can turn out materials without anything like the same physical danger to workers and plants as prevails in Britain, China or Russia. We have got to do perfectly unheard of things".

Mr. Stimson, United States War Secretary, stated that the United States' entry into the war had not stopped the Lease and Lend Aid to the enemies of the Axis but the attack on Pearl Harbour had necessitated "momentarily" the stopping of shipments abroad while a check was made on available supplies.

"Shortly after that, a procedure was established for releasing very substantial quantities of Lease and Lend material not necessary for the immediate needs of the United States", added Mr. Stimson.

"Subsequently a more thorough study of proposed shipments was made.

In the overall picture the declarations of war by Japan and other Axis Powers has already resulted and will continue to result in a great stimulation of our munitions industry and this must inevitably increase rather than diminish shipments to those who are fighting the common enemy".

Australia is expected to concentrate on the building of bombers and suspend the construction of training planes following the Government's action in taking control of all aircraft construction.

#### *Americans Are Not Down-Hearted*

Matters "of very close mutual interest on the other side of the Pacific" were discussed in Washington on Wednesday by Mr Richard Casey, the Australian Minister in Washington, with President Roosevelt.

Mr. Casey told reporters that he gave the President "a quick summary of the position as we believe it to be out there. There are plus and minus factors out we are far from being down-hearted about it," Mr. Casey added.

The State Department announced officially that the United States' interests in all countries with which America is at war will be represented by Switzerland, and at the same time it announced that Spain would represent Japan in the United States, Sweden would represent Japan in Hawaii and Switzerland would act similarly in the Philippines and Samoa

### *AMERICAN LABOUR FALLS IN LINE*

WASHINGTON, December 17.

Speaking to officials of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. William Green, the President, declared today: "We will never submit to legislation to rob the worker on his economic power, but when Government asks us voluntarily to relinquish that right, our answer is Yes. We are placing the right to strike behind the door in order to win the greatest strike that ever took place in the world, the strike against totalitarism."—Reuter.

### Central Board of Education

NEW DELHI, December 18.

The following persons, says a Press communique, have been nominated by the Governor-General-in-Council as members of the Central Advisory Board of Education in India:—Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Srimati Renuka Ray, the Hon. Sir Maurice Gwyer, the Rt. Hon Sir Akbar Hydari, the Rt. Rev. G. D. Barne, Bishop of Lahore, Rao Bahadur, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Dewan of Baroda.—A. P.

## Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:

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